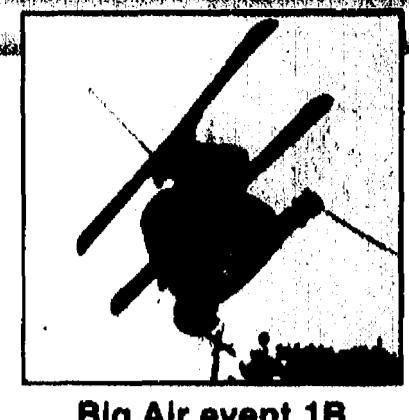




# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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## Two charged with armed robbery of BP gas station

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two local people have been arrested and formally charged with the armed robbery of the BP gas station in Frederic Township on December 14, 2003.

Kelly Jo Pratt and Daniel Latesky, both 29 of Grayling, were arraigned February 10 in 87th District Court. They both face life in prison if convicted.

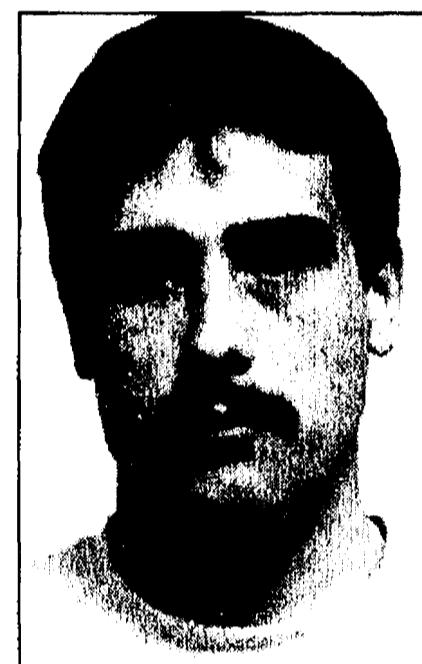
In the early morning robbery, the station's clerk described the suspect as a white male, about 5'3" to 5'5" tall with a slim build. The suspect was wearing a ski mask and allegedly threatened the clerk with a handgun. The suspect got away with about \$70.

Pratt and Latesky were pulled over in late January by a Grayling City Patrolman. While Latesky fled on foot, Pratt stayed in the vehicle and offered information about crimes she and Latesky have allegedly committed in the area. A plastic handgun and a ski mask were found in the vehicle.

Police are also investigating the December 21, 2003 robbery of a store in Luzerne and are trying to determine whether Latesky and Pratt had any involvement in that crime.



Kelly Jo Pratt



Daniel Latesky

## Filing deadline for school board election April 12

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The deadline to file for candidacy in the June 14 school election is less than two months away – April 12. One seat will be up for election on the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education.

Citizens interested in serving this four-year position have two options when filing for candidacy. A prospective candidate may either gather the required signatures of registered voters within the school district and file a nominating petition, or pay a non-refundable \$100 fee to the school board secretary instead.

All candidates must file an affidavit of identity regardless of how they enter the race.

Those who chose to collect signatures, petitions must be signed by at least 40 registered voters served by the school district. A maximum of 100 signatures may be collected by any

one candidate.

The candidacy alternative of paying a fee instead of gathering signatures was adopted in 2002 under Public Act 157.

The seat of longtime school board member and former president and vice president, Marilyn Rosi, will be up for election in June. Rosi said she will not be seeking re-election this term.

"I have really enjoyed my 12 years on the board, it has really been a privilege," she said. "But, now its time for someone new, perhaps someone with young children enrolled in the district, to come on board."

The Board of Education meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Elementary School's Conference Room.

Nominating petitions are available at the school district's administrative office located at 403 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

## At least 90 apply for COA director position

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Commission on Aging (COA) Board of Directors learned, as of February 16, at least 90 applications for the position of COA director have been received.

Paul Compo, Crawford County Controller and COA interim director, reported some of the applications have been received from the local area, but others have come from as far

away as California and Spain.

The COA board approved the job description at its January 19 meeting and the position was advertised both on the web and in local newspapers. The final date to apply is March 5 at 4 p.m.

The board directed Compo to perform a preliminary review of the applications to narrow down the list of candidates. Board members will then review the applications remaining that meet criteria.

## Remembering those we've lost



Photo by Susan Warrington

A small group held a candlelight vigil to commemorate American service personnel and others who have been killed in Iraq. The group met in front of the eternal flame at the Crawford County Building at 6 p.m. Sunday, February 15, 2004 to read the names of Michigan connected military personnel who have been killed in Iraq. The group wanted to read a list of the wounded having Michigan connections but were unable to get the list. A secondary purpose of the group was to celebrate the anniversary of the largest peace march held February 15, 2003 in which over 600,000 people participated.

## Dancin' the night away

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Second Annual Father-Daughter dance held at Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary School Cafeteria is very popular with the Kindergarten through fifth grade girls. Last year, approximately 200 girls attended, while this year nearly 250 girls signed up to attend.

Although billed as a father-daughter dance, no girl was unable to attend solely because her father was unavailable. If fathers were unavailable, girls were escorted by uncles, grandfathers, brothers or volunteer escorts were provided.

Each "couple" had a souvenir picture taken before they went into dance. Flowers could be purchased at the door and several girls came with corsages.

The music was provided by AuSable Primary music teacher Jim Brown, and complimented by disco lights sweeping across the dancers.

The dance, sponsored by the GE/AP Parent Teacher Organization, was free for all attendees. Refreshments were provided by several parents.



Photo by Susan Warrington

Gary Morse (left) and Dwayne Morse dance with their daughters Cassidy and Lacey at the Second Annual Father-Daughter dance.

## Only minor injuries in school bus accident

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two bus drivers and six students sought medical attention for minor injuries following a rear-end collision involving two local school buses at about 3:13 p.m. on February 10.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Millie Haug said the buses were traveling south from Grayling High School to Grayling Middle School, on Old 27 near Lewiston Grade Road, when the mishap occurred. Haug said wintry "white-out" conditions were reported at that time, cutting visibility to a minimum.

One bus driver was treated at the scene for some minor cuts to her hands and a Calvary Baptist Academy student was treated for a cut lip. The other bus driver sought medical attention after completing her route. Five students sought medical attention later on for whiplash symptoms.

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## Mercy OB unit, ORs to be renovated

Mercy Hospital Grayling will be expanding and renovating its Obstetrics and Surgery units following recent approval from its parent company, Trinity Health.

Changes in the Obstetrics/Neonatal unit will include the creation of four modern, private Labor, Delivery, and Post-partum rooms, a new nursing station, nursery and infant treatment area, an expanded family waiting area, and a redesigned outpatient testing area. The new nursery will provide a more comfortable space for pediatricians to care for newborns.

"The rooms will be about 100 percent bigger," said obstetrician Carl Schubert, M.D. "The renovations will provide a very comfortable, more home-like environment. For example, now every room will have a shower, making it much more convenient for the mothers."

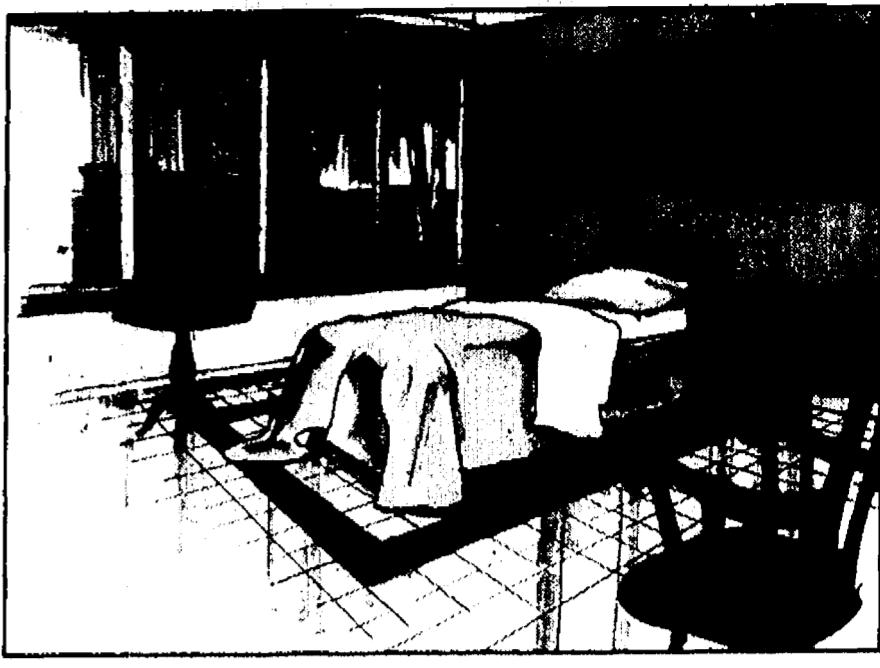
The last structural changes to this unit took place in 1950. "This will be quite an upgrade," said Dr. Schubert. "Patients will receive the same great care, but in a much more comfortable setting."

The project also calls for all three of the hospital's operating rooms to be renovated, with two of them being expanded in size and capacity. These operating room enhancements will include new lighting, fresh wall coverings, new flooring, a larger storage area and updated equipment. The two original operating rooms were constructed in the 1950s, with the third room added in the 1980s.

It will be necessary to relocate a number of other departments within the hospital to make space for the surgery expansion. In order to facilitate this relocation, a new modular office building has been added to the Mercy Hospital Grayling campus.

"In the 20 years I have been at Mercy Hospital Grayling, the operating suite has remained the same, despite considerable changes in technology that require additional room and improved design to meet the demands," said Surgeon K. Ramaswamy, M.D.

"This renovation will provide



Plans to renovate the Obstetrics unit at Mercy Hospital in Grayling includes doubling room size and creating a more home-like atmosphere for expectant mothers, babies and their families as shown in this conceptual drawing.

us more room and functionality, as well as the availability of a fully equipped third room. Surgeons will have added flexibility in scheduling operations. Working in a renovated, modernized operating room will be an uplifting experience for all the personnel."

"Patients will enter the modern operating rooms and have an added sense of comfort and security," continued Dr. Ramaswamy. "With the availability of an additional operating room, patients

may not have to wait long to have elective operations scheduled. As one of the members involved in the renovation project, I am extremely excited to see the final product."

Trinity Health has approved the \$2.6 million expenditure for the renovation project. The design process is expected to be completed by March 2004, with construction to begin this summer. A completion date has been tentatively projected for winter/spring 2005.

## COA building fund stands at over \$110,000

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Commission on Aging (COA) Board of Directors voted unanimously to identify \$110,680 of its assets as building fund money, finally answering the question that has concerned the board for several months.

The building fund was started many years ago with donations and a few contributions specifically earmarked for a new build-

ing.

Later, a refund from the

Internal Revenue Service was

put into the building fund along

with many other contributions.

Over time, the funding line blurred with that of the operational fund and the amount of money in the building fund gradually became blurred into the general operating fund.

At the request of the current board, Crawford County Controller Paul Compo and

Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley have pored over the financial records and found that the building fund is approximately \$110,000, of which \$31,058 are the restricted funds which can only be used for a new building.

At its February 16 meeting, the board officially identified \$110,680 as the building fund and directed the interest from that money also be identified as building fund money.

## Member of 745th critical following explosion

The Michigan National Joint Headquarters and Camp Grayling have been notified that Staff Sergeant James N. McKelvey, a member of the 745th Ordnance Company (EOD), sustained serious injuries on Monday, February 9 in Iraq while conducting a Render Safe procedure on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). \* Staff Sergeant McKelvey's

wife has been notified of his injuries.

He was reported to be in critical condition and under treatment at a U.S. Army Medical Center in Germany.

Brig. General Robert V. Taylor, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Michigan Army National Guard, stated, "In the mean time, the thoughts and prayers from all of us are with

SSG McKelvey and his family."

No additional information is available at this time.

On December 26, 2003, a member of the 745th was killed in Baquba, Iraq while attempting to defuse an IED. Staff Sergeant Michael J. Sutter was 28 years old and from the Chicago, IL area.

The 745th specializes in explosive ordnance disposal.

## Only minor injuries in school bus accident

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Haug said both buses sustained some damage and the district is awaiting estimates from its insur-

ance provider regarding repairs. There are enough buses in the district's fleet to handle student transportation during the down-

time of buses involved.

School transportation dispatcher and mechanic Brian Hulbert said it has been at least six years since one of the district's buses was involved in an accident.

Drivers log about 247,000 miles each school year.

"Considering the many, many miles driven each year, we are very fortunate to have so few mishaps," said Haug. "And we are so relieved there were no serious injuries."

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## Array of fires keep local departments busy

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Local fire departments have been called out on a number of fires over the past few weeks, leaving a doctor's office damaged and destroying two homes.

Grayling City and Township fire fighters responded to a call at 2093 Deer Track Trail, east of Stephan Bridge Road and north of M-72 East, on February 6 when a caller reported smoke coming from a mobile home around 1 p.m.

The mobile home is believed to have been manufactured in the 1950s. The cause of the fire has yet to be named, but there was a lot of smoke damage and fire officials said the home is most likely a total loss. No one was injured as a result of the fire.

On February 10, a fire reported at the Milltown Clinic on North Down River Road went to three alarms as an employee of the clinic reported seeing flames just before 7:30 a.m.

Called first to the scene were Grayling fire fighters. Beaver Creek and Frederic Fire Departments also responded, as did an ambulance crew from Mobile Medical Response.

The ambulance remained on scene to assure there was no one injured.

Grayling Fire Department Fire Marshal Travis Roberts said the clinic suffered damage to the office of Dr. Laurey Hanselman, DO. Seven patient rooms were affected and some medical records are believed to have been lost in the fire.

The building also houses offices for Alpine Eye Care and Dr. Jeffrey Chaulk, Dr. K. Ramaswamy, MD, and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Robert Halter. Roberts said Halter is the owner of the building.

The cause of the fire has not been named. A quick response and extra manpower are credited for keeping the fire from spreading to other offices in the clinic.

Finally, just before 11 p.m. on

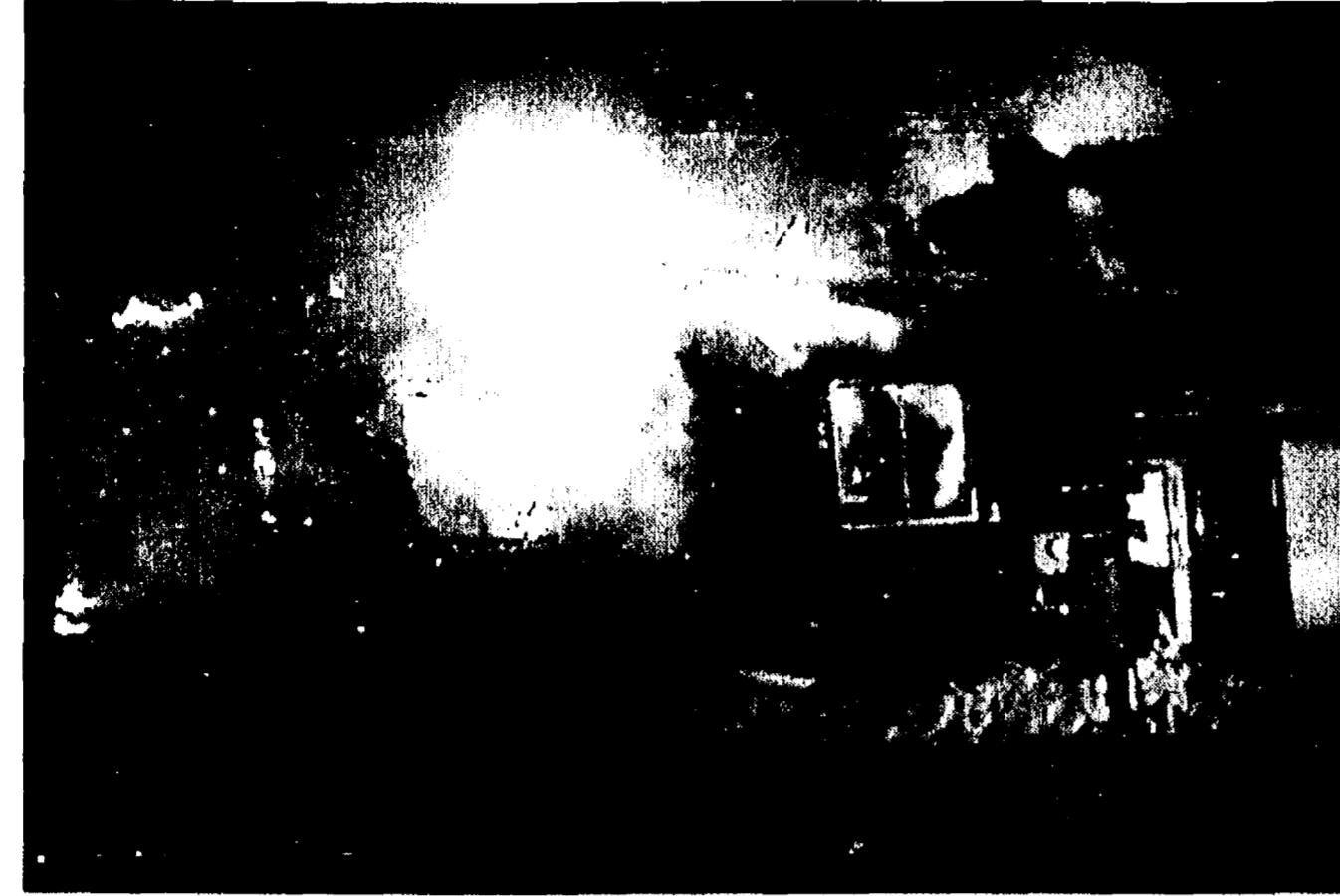


Photo courtesy of Frederic Township Volunteer Fire and EMS

**Fire destroyed the two-story lakefront log home of Gary Gugin last Friday. The fire went to four alarms, with Frederic fire fighters assisted by Grayling, Lovells and Otsego Lake township fire fighters.**

February 13, Frederic Volunteer Fire and EMS personnel were called to a two-story full-log home just off of Brown Street in Frederic. The first to the scene was a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy who reported a "working structure fire."

Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt called immediately for support from departments in the neighboring communities of Lovells Township, Grayling Township, and Otsego Lake Township, bringing the call to four alarms. A water point was quickly set up on May Lake Road to pump as much water as needed from the lake, as fast as possible.

Both water and foam were used to extinguish the fire which was brought under control well enough to release two departments at about 1:30 a.m. Frederic fire fighters finished up and went back to their station about 3:30 a.m.

The Crawford County Road Commission responded with salt when surrounding streets became

ice covered and slippery due to the high volume of water and extremely low temperatures.

Pratt said a preliminary investigation the following morning revealed the fire appeared to have started in an area of the home that houses a wood stove and a hot tub, but would not comment on a cause pending an investigation by the State Fire Marshal out of the Michigan State Police Post in Gaylord. That investigation was expected to begin on February 17.

Pratt explained the investigation by the Fire Marshal is a matter of protocol and does not believe the fire was suspicious in nature.

No one was home at the time of the fire and no one was injured. Pratt said homeowner Gary Gugin "lost everything" including his lakefront home on May Lake (valued between \$150,000 to \$200,000) to the fire. The American Red Cross was called to assist Gugin on Saturday morning.

Pratt said there was some difficulty navigating fire trucks through snow and a narrow driveway, but fire fighters were able to get to the fire as fast as possible. He urges homeowners and renters alike to keep their driveways clear of snow and plowed about 10-feet wide to allow fire trucks, ambulances and patrol cars easy access in the case of an emergency.

## Not much Canadian trash at Waters

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Although Canadian trash has been coming to the landfill at Waters since April the total amount received (34,370 cubic yards) makes up less than one percent of the trash received at

### Canadian trash at Waters

The total amount of Canadian trash broken down by months, the number of truck loads (with a load equalling 80 cubic yards), and approximate number of trucks per business day

- April - 160 cubic yards, two truckloads for the entire month.

- May - 80 cubic yards, one truckload for the entire month.

- June - 1,700 cubic yards, 21 truckloads, one truck per day.

- July - 3,630 cubic yards, 45 truckloads, two per day.

- August - 2,200 cubic yards, 28 truckloads, 1.5 per day.

- September - 4,500 cubic yards, 56 truckloads, three per day.

- October - 4,200 cubic yards, 53 truckloads, three per day.

- November - 8,600 cubic yards, 108 truckloads, six per day.

- December 9,300 cubic yards, 116 truckloads, six per day.

of the month. Crawford said they normally open a new cell each year but the one currently under construction is quite large so they expect it will last for two years.

Waste Management has said the life expectancy of the Waters landfill is approximately 50 years at the current rate of use.

Crawford also said the company is working to reduce the emissions of gas from the landfill. They are working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Crawford County Environmental Monitor Bruce Patrick.

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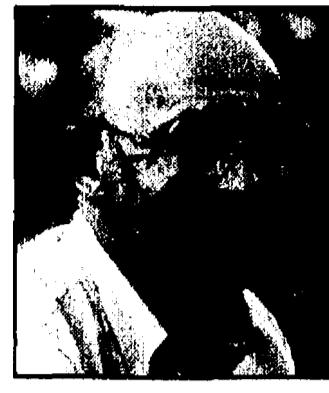
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Senator to become president? Not likely

**IN DEFERENCE** to the season -- the presidential primary season, that is -- the following musings may be appropriate.

\* \* \*

**SENATOR PRESIDENT** -- It sure looks more and more as if Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts will be the Democratic nominee for president.

Nothing is a lock until the national Democratic convention in Boston in July, but with his persistent and impressive showings in caucuses and primaries so far, Mr. Kerry likely will be "it".

History tells us, however, that Sen. Kerry is unlikely to be elected in November.

During the past 100 years, only two sitting members of the senate have been elected directly to the White House.

Warren G. Harding, Republican from Ohio, was the first in 1920.

John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, was the second in 1960.

It may be interesting to note that both these senators elected directly as president died in office.

Three other former senators have been

elected president in the last 100 years, but all three first served as vice president.

Former Sen. Harry Truman of Missouri succeeded to the White House upon the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945.

Former Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas became president after the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

Both Presidents Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson then were elected President on their own.

Then there's the unique case of President Richard Nixon. He was a senator from California when elected vice president with President Dwight Eisenhower in 1952.

Mr. Nixon ran against Sen. Kennedy in 1960 to succeed Mr. Eisenhower in the White House and lost. Eight years later Mr. Nixon returned from private life to win election as president in 1968.

Mr. Nixon, of course, is the only president to resign the office.

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**DEAN'S SPEECH** Political insiders

and pundits generally credit the enthusiastic speech by Howard Dean after he lost the Iowa caucus vote as one primary reason his candidacy plummeted.

His speech generally was described as ranting or raving, out of control, with a "scream" at the end. The speech, more than any other single incident, according to this line of reasoning, showed Gov. Dean was too emotional and unstable to be a good leader, and severely weakened his public support and doomed his candidacy.

Perhaps. My personal reading is a bit different. To me, the speech was completely appropriate at the time and under the circumstances.

The audience was primarily disheartened Dean campaign workers, including many volunteers, who had worked hard for long hours in Iowa, and expected to win. Candidate Dean had an obligation to boost their spirits and rekindle their enthusiasm for continued hard work on campaigns ahead.

That's what he tried to do. An enthusiastic leader is essential to have enthusi-

astic campaign workers, and that night, Howard Dean was enthusiastic. Perhaps the closing "scream" was a bit overboard, but it certainly shouldn't be fatal.

Gov. Dean and his speech were pounced upon by his opponents, many of the pundits, and much of the political press.

Most of these folks would not accept Mr. Dean as a legitimate candidate in the first place, and were amazed at his rapid climb as a candidate. They didn't know how to explain him because they didn't understand his appeal. The other candidates and political experts had been consistently tearing him down, so burying him with his own speech was a good way to indicate they had been right all along.

What if Mr. Dean had won the Iowa caucuses, and then gave the same rousing speech to his troops?

What reaction would the Dean Iowa speech have aroused if it had not been broadcast on live television?

Would the Dean candidacy still have the life it once had?

It makes me wonder.

\* \* \*

**CLARK'S IDENTITY** -- When retired Gen. Wesley Clark entered the presidential race as a Democrat, his political pedigree was widely questioned. Is he really a Democrat?

As a career military man, Gen. Clark had not been politically active. He had served under Republican President Bush, and had publicly said nice things about him and his record. So what's the deal?

"I'm pro-choice, pro-affirmative action, pro-environment and pro-labor," Gen. Clark explained at one point. "I was either going to be the loneliest Republican in America, or I was going to be a happy Democrat."

That's good enough for me. Let's hope he stays happy.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## VIEWPOINT

Submitted by Kathy Kruch, Business Development Specialist  
North Central Area Credit Union, Grayling

# Credit union warns of recent schemes

**North Central Area Credit Union** would like to share this recent publication from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the United States Department of Treasury.

Recently, many Americans have received a series of fraudulent e-mails, which direct recipients to websites where they are asked to verify very sensitive personal information.

The e-mails claim the individual's personal information is necessary to assist in the fight against terrorism or for some other purpose supposedly required by law.

These e-mails are purportedly sent from several government agencies or include content related to government agencies including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation and others.

The web sites to which the e-mail recipients are directed often are very similar to, if not actual clones of official government

sites.

The fraudulent e-mails are part of a scam known as "phishing." Phishing is the fraudulent scheme of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be a legitimate company. The e-mail attempts to con the user into surrendering private information that could later be used for identity theft. The e-mail directs the user to visit a web site where they are asked to update personal information, such as name, account and credit card numbers, passwords, social security numbers and other information. The web site, however, is bogus and set up only to steal the user's information.

As part of the Treasury Department's efforts to fight identity theft, we want to assure Americans that federal financial agencies do not communicate with consumers by e-mail requesting important personal information such as your name, account numbers, date of birth, and/or social security number.

Consumers can protect themselves from this latest identity theft scam by following these

useful tips, which were developed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

- If you get an e-mail that warns you, with little or no notice, that an account of yours will be shut down unless you reconfirm your billing information, do not reply or click on the link in the e-mail. Instead, contact the company cited in the e-mail using a telephone number or web site address you know to be genuine.

- Avoid e-mailing personal and financial information. Before submitting financial information through a web site, look for the "lock" icon on the browser's status bar. It signals that your information is secure during transmission.

- Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges. If your statement is late by more than a couple of days, call your credit card company or bank to confirm your billing address and account balances.
- Report suspicious activity to

the FTC. Send the actual spam to uce@ftc.gov. If you believe you've been scammed, file your complaint at www.ftc.gov, and then visit the FTC's Identity Theft web site, www.ftc.gov/idtheft, to learn how to minimize your risk of damage from identity theft.

The Treasury and federal financial regulators are working hard to combat identity theft including the use of new tools in legislation recently signed by President Bush. But all consumers must take reasonable precautions in the use of their personal financial information in order to help prevent themselves from becoming victims of identity thieves.

*Editor's note: An article published in the January 29, 2004 issue of the Crawford County Avalanche gives an account of a local business person who received one of the "phishing" e-mails. Copies of that newspaper are still available for purchase at our office located at 102 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.*

## Elsner not sole reason for library's greatness

To the editor,

This is in response to the letter by Judith Mesack in the February 12, 2004 edition of the Avalanche.

As emotional as things get in situations like this, we should all remember there are two sides to everything.

Mr. Elsner is not the sole reason the new library is as great as it is today. It is a combination of things including the fact that the old library was very crowded and there wasn't enough room for the volume of books, computers, conference areas and general programs areas.

Some of these programs could have been instituted at the old library if the funds and space was available as the previous staff was also community-oriented.

It takes more than one person to make a community library. There are volunteers as well as staff who are equally important. There were many people with great ideas and no way to implement them in the old library.

Perhaps Mr. Elsner looks like a hero, but then again, he did not have to prove his ability in the old setting. There are many qualified administrators out there who could have done equally as well or maybe even better than

Mr. Elsner.

One of my concerns is that some of the young people who frequent the library were not well-behaved and not corrected when they weren't acting in a responsible and respectful manner. That would appear to be the director's job.

Frequently, boards make unpopular decisions and not all of the reasons can be broadcasted as they contain personal issues that could possibly harm the individual involved. We will never know all the reasons the Library Board decided not to renew his contract, just as we never know all the reasons a teacher or school staffer is dismissed.

To make a sound decision without all the information is impossible, even for the best-intentioned. Mr. Elsner has been on the staff long enough for the board to make an informed decision and since they are better apprised of the details, they must address their duty.

I, for one, will continue to support and utilize the library with the knowledge that the Library Board and staff are doing a tremendous job.

Judith Frederick  
Grayling

## VIEWPOINT

by Laura Wotruba, K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future

# Education a priority but funding falls short of needs

Governor Jennifer Granholm promised to keep education a top priority and that was reflected in her budget proposal to the Legislature today.

In her budget proposal, Gov. Granholm kept the K-12 foundation allowance at \$6,700. Some base funding for universities will be restored for the current fiscal year and will hold even for fiscal

year 2005, assuming they do not raise tuition beyond the rate of inflation, as outlined in the governor's tuition pledge proposal.

Given the state budget crisis, Michigan's K-16 Coalition appreciates the governor's efforts to put an end to the state's dramatic disinvestment in public education that has occurred in recent years.

Despite a sincere attempt to strengthen education funding, the proposed appropriations fall short of meeting resource needs brought on by past reductions in state support; significant unfunded mandates from the federal government, like No Child Left Behind; and drastically increasing costs and expectations of Michigan's education system.

The Executive Budget reduces funding to education by changing the per pupil count formula and cutting the foundation allowance for some districts. These cuts drastically reduce the quality of education for students.

In addition to budget reductions, schools also face tremendous budget pressures due to declining student enrollment, deteriorating facilities and increased retirement costs.

As a result of reductions over the last year, dozens of Michigan school districts across the state are in danger of closing early, increasing class size, laying off teachers and support staff, and drastically reducing basic education programs for children.

The K-16 Coalition will continue to evaluate and report on the appropriations process in the coming months.

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# BRIEFS

## Free parenting classes offered

Parenting is full of surprises - some pleasant, some frustrating, and some painful. The Common Sense Parenting course, offered at no charge by the Crawford AuSable School District's Adult Enrichment program, is designed to help parents develop stronger relationships with their children, inform parents about how to prevent behavior problems and encourage those behaviors that all parents want for their children. The five-week course begins on Monday, February 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School. Instructor for the course is Jim Hulbert. To register or for more information, call 344-3535.

## Travelogue features the New River

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Community Cultural Events Program's Travel and Adventure Series will present "Along the New River," a travelogue hosted by Ken Creed, on Thursday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Many renowned geologists consider the New River to be the second oldest river on Earth, second only to the Nile in Egypt. It flows through three states: North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Along the New River Gorge, rocks exposed are as old as 330 million years. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and are available by calling 348-7146, at the door or in advance at Flowers by Josie in Grayling. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the travelogue begins at 7 p.m. The Travel and Adventure series is made possible by a partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc.

## Winterfest 2004 this Saturday

Winterfest 2004, sponsored by the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce and headquartered at Higgins Lake North State Park, will offer several fun activities all day long this Saturday, February 21. Activities will take place at a variety of locations around Higgins Lake and the Village of Roscommon. There will be a fishing derby for both adults and kids, games, a Chili Cook-Off, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, a winter canoe experience, pancake breakfast, and the Crazy Cardboard Classic racing down Pioneer Hill. Winterfest badges are \$5 each and admits adults to all events. Kids 17 and younger are admitted free to all events, but must be accompanied by an adult wearing a 2004 Winterfest Badge. The badges are on sale at stores throughout Roscommon and Higgins Lake, as well as at the Winterfest Headquarters. For more information about Winterfest 2004, call (989) 275-8760, e-mail hlrc@voyager.net or log on to: www.hlrc.com.

## Parents of 8th graders invited to meeting

An informational meeting regarding registration for high school courses will be held for parents of 8th grade students on Monday, February 23, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Cafeteria. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their students' counselors, as well as the principal and vice-principal. Topics covered will include curriculum, graduation requirements, co-curricular opportunities and more.

## Credit union offers scholarships

North Central Area Credit Union is accepting applications for the 2004 fall semester scholarship awards of \$500 and \$1,000. To qualify, applicants must be a member of the credit union, have 24 college credit hours verified by transcripts, have a past record of community involvement, and write an essay on your goals and why you deserve the scholarship. Applications can be obtained at each branch location in Grayling, Roscommon, Houghton Lake and Standish. Deadline for all information to be submitted to NCACU is May 1, 2004.

## Mass rescheduled at St. Mary's

Due to a parish dinner on February 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, the Saturday evening mass regularly scheduled for 6 p.m. will be held instead at 4:30 p.m.

## Shrove Tuesday supper planned

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 M-72 West in Grayling, will host its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donation will be accepted to help pay for the dinner. At 7 p.m., a simple Holy Eucharist service will be offered.

## Project Graduation to hold sale

The 2004 Project Graduation Committee is in the process of collecting donations for its Garage Sale to be held in April. Anyone who would like to donate items to the sale is asked to contact Kelly at 348-3130 or Michelle at 348-1772.

## Friends to host brunch for Elsner

Friends of the Library will host an appreciation brunch for former library director Edward Elsner on Saturday, February 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Library. No reservations are needed.

## Kirtland seeking nominations for 2004 Outstanding Alumnus

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is seeking nominations for the 2004 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Candidates may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected previously are welcome to have their names resubmitted for consideration again.

Selection criteria include additional education beyond the Kirtland experience, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or in the field of education. The nomi-

## World Day of Prayer planned in Grayling

"In Faith, Women Shape the Future," this year's World Day of Prayer theme, reminds us that the actions of women have shaped our future.

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling invite the community to join them and the Panamanian women who prepared the program this year, from sunrise to sunset on Friday, March 5.

"This started in Grayling in March 1964 under the leadership of our Pastor's wife, Christena Jesperson," said chair-

person Clara Sorenson. "Our friends from St. Francis Episcopal and Methodist Memorial churches joined us -- 40 years ago!"

Sorenson said over the years participation in the World Day of Prayer has been kept going, inviting a different church to join the day long event every year. "The prayers start with sunrise and end at sunset around the world on the first Friday of March every year," Sorenson said. "We are thankful to be part of it."

## Besser Museum opens two new exhibits

The Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena recently opened two new exhibits for the public.

The first exhibit is called "Marlinespikes and Monkey's Fists," developed by the Michigan State University Museum in East Lansing. It demonstrates artistic and fancy-work knots tied by maritime workers on the Great Lakes.

The exhibit focuses not only on objects, but also on their makers and the role of knotwork in the lives of the men who worked hard on the Lakes. A special feature of the exhibit is a spectacular and beautifully crafted 12-foot-long Great Lakes freighter model created by Gary Culham of Atlanta. The exhibit is open through April 18.

The second new exhibition is

"Down on the Farm," containing agricultural artifacts from the museum's extensive collections -- many on display for the first time.

Learn about the daily lives of farm families in northeast Michigan and their stories of survival, adaptation, motivation, technology, and government assistance. Visitors can discover how farmers carved out productive and rewarding lives for over a century. This exhibit is open through March 14.

The Jesse Besser Museum is located at 491 Johnson Street in Alpena. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information, call (989) 356-2202.

## Old glass plate negatives up for sale

Edwin Van Nocker was a noted photographer in northeast Michigan from 1914 through 1962. His collection of glass plate negatives of family portraits, wedding and graduation photos was donated to the Jesse Besser Museum, along with a duplicate set.

The museum curates the original set, but has offered the duplicates for sale over a period of years. Now the museum has scheduled the final sale of the glass plate negative duplicates.

The sale will be held on Saturday, February 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at the museum. The 5" x 7" glass plate negatives will be sold for \$2 each, and the 8" x 10" negatives for \$3 each.

This is the last chance for the public to purchase the duplicate negatives of family and friends, or to simply own some historic photos.

The photographs are filed by family name and a light box will be available to view them. These negatives can be used to create high quality black and white prints, or can be used as glass panes or in other art projects.

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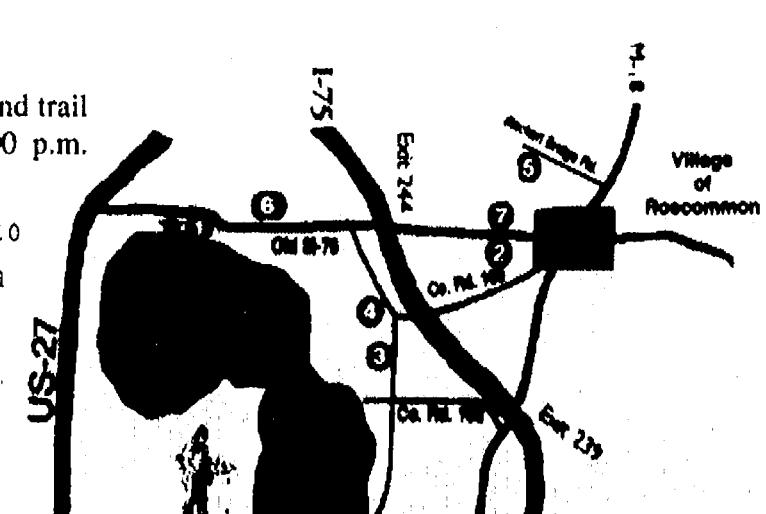
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# The Bible Speaks

## Our Enemy

Two experts on terrorism have impressed me, Steve Emerson whom we quoted 18 months before the September 11th attack foretelling the imminence of a terrorist attack on America, and Daniel Pipes who has spent his life studying Islam. Emerson's expertise concerns the operational details of the terrorists. The expertise of Pipes concerns the overall philosophy of terrorism. President Bush recently appointed Dr. Pipes to serve on the board of the United States Institute of Peace.

In his book, "Militant Islam Reaches America", Pipes gives excellent insight into understanding our enemy. Having received his Ph.D in Middle East history from Harvard, and his teaching as a professor at Harvard and the University of Chicago on the subject gives evidence he had earned his credentials. While holding the religion of Islam in a neutral perspective, he exposes the ideology of radical Islam as the real danger. He divides the Muslim population into three groups, the secularists, the reformists, and the fundamentalists. He says the secularists desire to advance by emulating the West. Turkey is his example. He says the reformists are the "murky middle" who desire to learn from the West and westernize their Islamic system by rereading the Islamic scriptures

in Western light. He says, the fundamentalists also known as "Islamism or Militant Islam" have "three main features: a devotion to the sacred law, a rejection of Western influences, and a turning of faith into ideology."

Pipes says that Militant Islam is totally different from Traditional Islam. Traditional Islam emphasizes the relationship of each individual with god, while Militant Islam emphasizes a societal quest for political power. Since most Muslims also believe in theocracy or divine government, it is hard for most of them to understand the distinction we make by dividing religion and state government.

Pipes shows that Militant Islam is more a totalitarian system seeking global power than a pious religion. Since American government rules as a secular system that is separated from all religion, our leaders feel compelled not to judge or condemn any aspect of any religious system. But as Pipes points out, Radical Islam operates more as a political than a religious system.

To illustrate his point Pipes quotes Ayatollah Khomeini writing to Mikhail Gorbachev and offering to help prop up the atheistic Soviet system: "I strongly urge that in breaking down the walls of Marxist fantasies you do not fall into the prison of the West and the Great Satan I call upon you seriously to study and

conduct research into Islam I openly announce that the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the greatest and most powerful base of the Islamic world, can easily help fill up the ideological vacuum of your system." Notice Khomeini offered Gorbachev Islamic ideology, not religion. As Pipes said, "Islam for him had become so disembodied from faith, he foresaw a non-Muslim like Gorbachev adopting Islamic ways without becoming a Muslim. If so, the transformation of Islam from faith to political construct is then complete."

Traditional Muslims are the first and greatest victims of radical Islamism. If we are to win this global war against terrorism, we must seek the help of the Muslim masses just as President Ronald Reagan sought the help of the Soviet masses to help defeat Communism. Islamism is the enemy of all our freedoms. God Bless! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net-cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Maple Forest swears in new township trustee



Photo by Susan Warrington

Bernie Feldhauser is sworn in as the newest trustee for Maple Forest Township by Supervisor Mark Kniss.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Bernard Feldhauser was unanimously selected to fill the vacancy on the Maple Forest Township Board of Trustees at the most recent board meeting on February 10.

Feldhauser who was born in the township, spent much of his life downstate as a professional surveyor. During that time, he served on the Pontiac Township Zoning Board and was appointed to the steering committee for the planning and establishment of

Oakland University.

After retirement, he moved back to Maple Forest Township in 1984. In the last few years he has attended nearly all of the township board meetings and has been a member of the township planning commission since its inception.

Board members said they appreciate all the work he has done for the township and welcomed him to the board.

Feldhauser said he plans to run for the board in the November 2 general election.

## Taylor invited to tell Tales of the Great Depression

Wellington Farm Park creator Howard Taylor presented his "Tales of the Great Depression" at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids on February 14.

His performance took place on the opening day of the museum's new exhibit, "All That Jazz," highlighting the 1920s. Because the onset of the Great Depression marked the end of the Jazz Age, the museum staff agreed a performance depicting the demise of the "flapper" and the beginning of "hard times" would be appropriate.

During the past year, Taylor was included in the Touring Directory of the Michigan Humanities Council as a Historical Storyteller. His repertoire includes "Little Known Stories of Michigan's Past" and "Tales of the Great Depression."

Taylor is available to perform at schools, for civic groups, churches, libraries and community events throughout Michigan. In most cases, cost of the performance can be covered by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.

Recently, Taylor presented historical stories to elementary students of the Presque Isle County Schools and to a

packed house at the Rogers City Library.

Taylor, of Grayling, created Wellington Farm Park located on Military Road, just south of Four Mile Road, in Beaver Creek Township. It is a 60-acre living history complex depicting life on a typical American farmstead during the Great Depression. Since its meager beginning in 1996, the park has grown to become recognized across Lower Michigan as an attractive location for family outings and a major historic attraction of northern Michigan.

During the coming season, Wellington Farm Pak will be adding several major events to its calendar, including a BMW Motorcycle Rally and a full-blown music festival.

In addition to Taylor's performance at the Ford Museum, he was also invited to perform his "Little Known Stories of Michigan's Past" at a function at Alpena Community College on February 19.

Also, on March 22, Taylor will be appearing at the Michelson Men's Night in Grayling.

Anyone interested in booking a performance of the historical storyteller may contact Taylor at 1-888-653-3276.

## Lack of participation may end Frederic blood drives

Officials with the American Red Cross are seriously considering eliminating the Frederic site from its Blood Drive calendar after the March 4 drive.

Lack of interest by area residents and economic factors detrimental to Red Cross Blood Services are the main reasons given for this potential decision.

Each blood drive is expected to yield a certain amount of good blood units, and if this quota is not met, then it is no longer economical for the Red Cross to host a blood drive at

that particular site.

It takes special equipment, and numerous nurses and technicians, to support a drive of any size. To bring these Blood Collection Service units to an ill-attended blood drive is costly and unproductive.

For years, the Red Cross volunteers and staff have encouraged people from the Frederic, Maple Forest, Lovells and surrounding areas to participate, but the Frederic site has repeatedly been under quota. The consequence of this is that the blood collection

personnel and the Red Cross volunteers spend the day waiting for donors who do not arrive.

Therefore, the Blood Drive scheduled for Thursday, March 4, from 12 noon until 5:45 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall Annex, may be the last opportunity for the residents of Frederic and surrounding areas to continue to have this site available to them.

"Please attend and support your community Red Cross Blood Drive," said Shirley Schmoock, Frederic Coordinator.

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## Business plans help more cities find their niche

by Gitte Laasby  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- It used to be the kind of city where you could shoot a cannon downtown without worrying about hitting anybody. Not a soul on the streets, empty storefronts -- certainly not the kind of place you'd go for fun if you were young and hip.

No longer. Today, a business strategy has matched and marketed Royal Oak's offerings with demographics and -- with a lot of hard work -- changed the city's image. With swanky cafes and sophisticated shops, it's Michigan's role model as a "cool city" among 18- to 35-year-olds.

More and more communities are adopting such a business strategy, many because they learned the hard way -- through economic pressure, competition and the disappearance of the businesses that once constituted their lifeblood and now know that it's necessary to find their own niche to survive or revive.

"The city is a business and it needs to run itself as a business. It's not a country club. For any business to be successful, it takes planning first," said Jerry Dettloff, Royal Oak's downtown manager.

One city facing the challenge is Greenville, an 8,000-population Grand Rapids suburb, which is about to lose 2,700 jobs with the relocation of an Electrolux factory to Mexico. In recent years, other communities such as southern Marquette County, Grayling

and St. Johns have experienced similar losses with military base and plant closings.

To attract new people and businesses, each community must find its unique identity and focus on offering something different to groups that may naturally come there, said Bill Anderson, a lobbyist with the Michigan Townships Association.

"Suburban areas all look very much alike," he said. "If we truly want to create an atmosphere where people want to move into Michigan, into particular communities and into an urban type setting, we have to let people choose the community based on what it has to offer to that group of people."

Dettloff agrees:

"It's literally impossible to be everything to everyone. You can't address every age group, so you need to center around people's lifestyles and target one particular group."

Communities wanting to plan five to 20 years ahead need to do a self-analysis, asking themselves what and who they want to be in order to find their niche, he added.

"It's easy to sit around a table and put together a wish list, but in reality, do you know whether you have the demographics to support that wish list?" Dettloff asked. "You need to know who's coming to your town, why they're coming, where the voids are, how to fill the voids and what to fill them with."

In Royal Oak -- and recently St. Clair -- the answers were discovered by a consultant who did a market analysis to find out how to create a more balanced downtown and to lend direction about which businesses to recruit.

Restaurants and businesses were attracted to downtown Royal Oak, and Dettloff said a strong collaboration between the downtown development authority, government and the business community further boosted the city.

Jim Donaldson, vice president of business development with the Michigan Economic Development Corp., said other communities that have successfully created their own niche are Battle Creek, which has attracted Asian businesses, Kalamazoo, which focuses on life sciences businesses, and Traverse City, which has tourism and light industries.

In Greenville, city manager George Bosanic is meeting with three companies that are considering moving there, but there is no definite plan yet.

## GUDA appoints manager

The Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) has appointed Doug Meroney, of Grayling, to the position of Association Manager.

Meroney, the owner of Fannie Finn's - Faces, Frames & Other Finery, has served as treasurer for GUDA for the last year, and will now expand his responsibilities and duties for the continuing success of the association.

GUDA's mission statement is: "We will work with other organizations in focusing on the preservation, improvement and beautification of the Grayling Business District while providing a healthy business climate that will inspire a sense of pride and draw new business to the area."

Some of the manager's duties include a Community Day to be hosted by Fannie Finn's on the Monday prior to the GUDA regular meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The Community Day will be dedicated to discussions of important Grayling issues and concerns affecting GUDA members.

Meroney will represent GUDA to the Grayling City Council, DDA (Downtown Development Authority), Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and other civic and community organizations.

Meroney will also help coordinate and publicize the many GUDA projects (Sidewalk Sales, Adventure Weekend, Christmas Walk) and expand the benefits of GUDA membership.

## Public hearing to cover 'Civic Good of Higher Education'

A panel of state legislators and educators will gather at Kirtland Community College on March 19 for a discussion on how Michigan colleges and universities can better serve their communities.

The event on the Civic Good of Higher Education is the brain child of Kirtland Service Learning Coordinator and math instructor Nick Holton, and Amy Smither of the Michigan Campus Compact.

"We were already holding a

forum and courses on Service Learning earlier that day here at Kirtland for the faculty," Holton said. "I happened to mention it to Amy and she thought it was a great opportunity to get some people to hear about what we are doing."

Kirtland is one of only six community colleges in the state to host the panel, which will take the information gleaned here and at the other colleges and produce a white paper to be used with leg-

islature, nonprofit organizations and higher education to underscore the impact on the civic good of higher education.

The plan is to launch a web page coinciding with the paper to release the collective findings of the panel.

Kirtland has long embraced service learning as a way to enrich a student's education while serving the community.

"Basically, students take what they are learning in the classroom

and apply those skills and knowledge to benefit the needs of the surrounding communities," Holton said.

The public is invited and everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions of the state lawmakers, members of the Michigan higher education community and others on the panel.

The panel will convene at Kirtland's Conference Center at 2 p.m. on March 19. A reception will precede the discussion.

## HONORS

*Editor's note: Due to a clerical error, Kirtland Community College released the wrong list of students identified as earning a place on the President's List for the Fall 2003 semester. Those named had won honors in a previous semester. Kirtland regrets and apologizes for the error.*

### Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College has named 57 students, representing 26 Michigan communities, to its President's List for the Fall 2003 Semester. To qualify, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade point average (GPA) between 3.8 and

4.0. Previously, the college named 95 students, representing 22 communities, to its Dean's List. Those students earned a GPA of 3.4 to 3.799.

Included on the Fall 2003 Semester President's List are:

Frederic - Lauvondia Wilson; Grayling - Nicole Babbitt, Steven Cassell, Abigail Chase, Jeremiah Farmer, Wesley Fox, Martin Kroell, Richard Schmidt, Richard Schultz;

Roscommon - Kimberly Betts, Kimberly Buckalew, Lisa Burnell, John Burns, Jennifer Celacks, Ericha Diem, Kimberley Gibbs, Robin Leuenberger, Debra McReynolds, Marilyn Brown,

Leane Tingstad.

\* \* \*

Ten Kirtland students representing five communities have been awarded scholarships, the college has announced.

Scholarships range from \$250 to \$500, said Christin Hornet, Kirtland's director of financial aid.

The scholarships are for the Winter 2004 semester at Kirtland. The recipients are:

KCC Foundation Scholarship - Cortni Burkhardt and Amanda Chadwick, both of West Branch.

Jean King Memorial Scholarship - Jeffrey Sarrach, of West Branch.

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Scholarship - Jesse Churchill of Houghton Lake.

Patrick Trahan Memorial Scholarship - Tracy Koenigsknecht of Mio and Walter E. Partlo of West Branch.

Marguerite Gahagen Scholarship - Amy Mahaffy of West Branch, and Lee Vought, of Roscommon.

Herbert & Evelyn Miller Scholarship - Paula Greszak of West Branch and Emily Jones of St Helen.

## Deadline nears to apply to KCC nursing program

With a March 1 deadline approaching, Kirtland is accepting applicants for its Fall 2004 nursing program.

Students who wish to be considered for admission into program must submit a "Request for Admission to Nursing" form, which is available in the Health Careers Department.

For more information, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 372, or email [essmakea@kirtland.edu](mailto:essmakea@kirtland.edu).

## Free program on lupus offered

The Lupus Alliance of America will present, "What is Lupus, an Introduction to Systemic Lupus Erythematosus" in Traverse City on February 24.

The Michigan Indiana Affiliate Executive Director Thomas Roberts will make the presentation which is open to the general public.

The purpose of the presentation is to help increase awareness of lupus and educate those who have, or may have lupus. Those interested in helping the Traverse

City Support Group are asked to stay for a discussion following the presentation.

The presentation will be held Tuesday, February 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Munson Community Health Center, 550 Munson Avenue in Traverse City.

There is no charge to attend.

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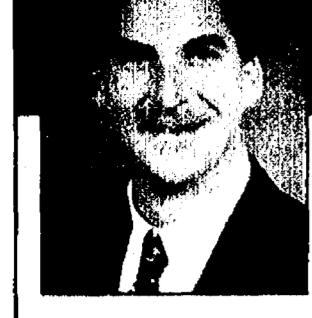
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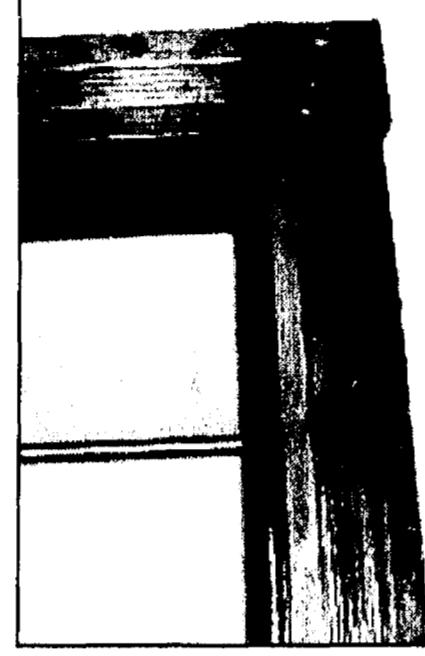
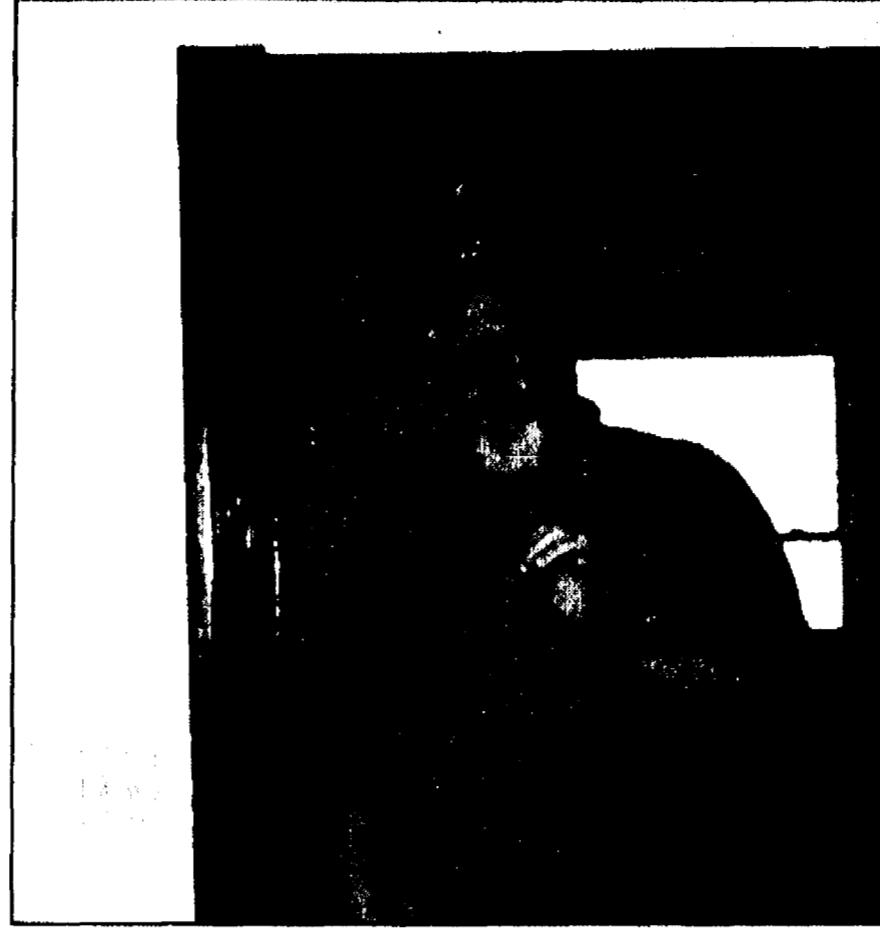
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# Students, builders join forces for restoration



(Top) Craig Stewart stands near some of the new molding made by the Construction Trades students at Grayling High School. Their challenge was to duplicate the old molding (shown at left), handcrafted in 1941 by a carpenter of the name Bouchard. The similarities of both the students' work and Bouchard's is striking.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Last November, the house owned by Chuck and Debbie Allen caught on fire due to a problem with the wiring. Luckily, alert neighbors Sally

and Harold "Tike" Golnick noticed the problem and helped Debbie grab a few possessions and get out safely.

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its ambience. They did not want to lose the "homely" atmosphere of the house, so they sought help to restore the structure.

Chuck knew local builder Craig Stewart and asked him if he would be interested in working on the house. Stewart, who has been working on commercial buildings for the last few years, felt this would be a good way to keep busy this winter and said, "Yes."

He assembled a group of professionals to help, but when it came to replacing the old woodwork, Chuck said he wanted the new woodwork to match the old. Stewart said this would cost a great deal of money because it would have to be individually made but he had an idea that would help - a group of students and the school.

Stewart approached another local builder, Joe Ferrigan, who is the Construction Trades instructor at Grayling High School. Since the construction trades classes are not involved in building a house this school year, Stewart asked Ferrigan if he would like to have the students create the molding.

Ferrigan thought it was a good idea, so Stewart purchased the lumber and some of the shaping tools the students would need.

The students worked for several weeks making about 600 feet of baseboard and 900 feet of casing and 80 to 90 corner blocks. Ferrigan said the students enjoyed the project and learned a great deal about making complicated woodwork pieces.

The molding the students were matching was originally fashioned in 1941 by a local carpenter named Bouchard, who lived across the street from the house

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Rachel L. Hunt, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2003 at Northern Michigan University in Marquette for earning a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.99.

that was being restored.

Administrators at Grayling High School are now developing a plan so that other community members with a special project that will enhance the students' knowledge base will be able to request help with their project. The program will be available beginning with the next school year.

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## Committee formed to address economic development

Last spring, the Community Assessment Team (CAT), through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, shared its thoughts for moving Grayling and Crawford County toward the goal of creating a vital community and made some recommendations to community leaders, business people and elected officials.

CAT members recommended in May 2003 the creation of an economic development agency with a full-time staff person focused initially on facilitating industrial and downtown development for the Grayling and Crawford County area.

A number of interested individuals have been meeting since the CAT visit and recently a Crawford County Economic Development Steering Committee has been formed to move the recommendation forward.

Current Steering Committee members include:

- Terry Wright (Grayling Township Supervisor, co-chair)
- Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak (Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO, co-chair)
- Tim Zigila (Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President)

- Pete Ingvarsson (Downtown Development Authority Board President)
- Allen Lowe (Grayling City Manager)
- Dave Stephenson (Crawford County Commissioner District #5/AJD Forest Products)
- Lynnette Corlew (Crawford County Chair, Commissioner District #4)
- Laurie Figley (Milltown Title and Escrow)
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- Lee Riley (Beaver Creek Township Supervisor)
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- Mark Kniss (Maple Forest Township Supervisor)
- Joe Myers (South Branch Township Supervisor)
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- John H. Sloan, DO (interested citizen)
- Jack Stevens (Citizens Bank)

The work of the Steering Committee to date has been in defining tasks that must be accomplished to lead toward formation of an economic development corporation and hiring of a full-time economic development staff person by summer of 2004.

Tasks the committee would like to complete this summer include development of a mission, vision, organization and bylaws, 501C3 non-profit and State of Michigan non-profit corporation applications, development of a budget, communication and fund raising plans, as well as tasks that lead to hiring of a staff person.

In addition, the Steering Committee will be informing a lengthy list of community members regarding its progress toward goals.

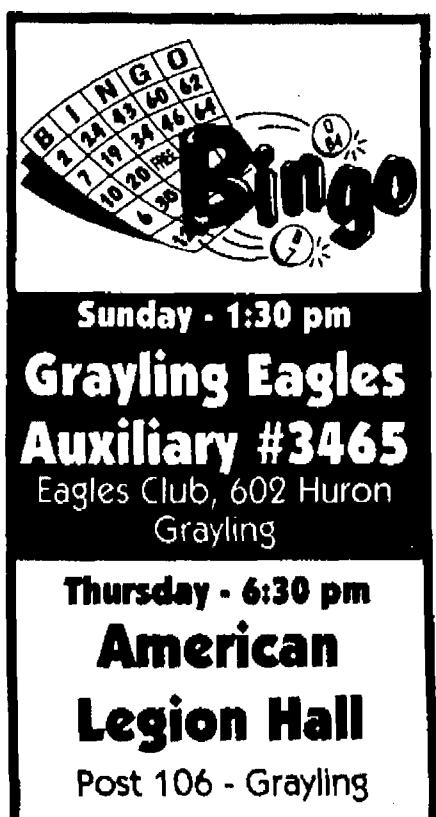
Anyone interested in playing an active role on the Crawford County Economic Development Steering Committee, or would like to be added to the list of supporters to be kept informed of economic development progress, should contact Terry Wright at 348-4361 or by e-mail at

## Stamas, Gillard schedule local office hours

State Senator Tony Stamas (R-36th District) and Rep. Matt Gillard (D-106th District) both representing Crawford County, have scheduled local office hours on Friday, February 20.

Gillard will hold informal office hours from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oscoda County Library, 430 West Eighth Street in Mio. Area residents are encouraged to discuss questions and concerns they have about state government. For more information, call Gillard's office toll-free at 1-866-MATT-106.

Residents unable to attend office hours may also write to Sen. Stamas at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909; and/or Rep. Gillard at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.



twright@twp.grayling.mi.us or Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak at 348-5461 or by e-mail at riemers@trinity-health.org.

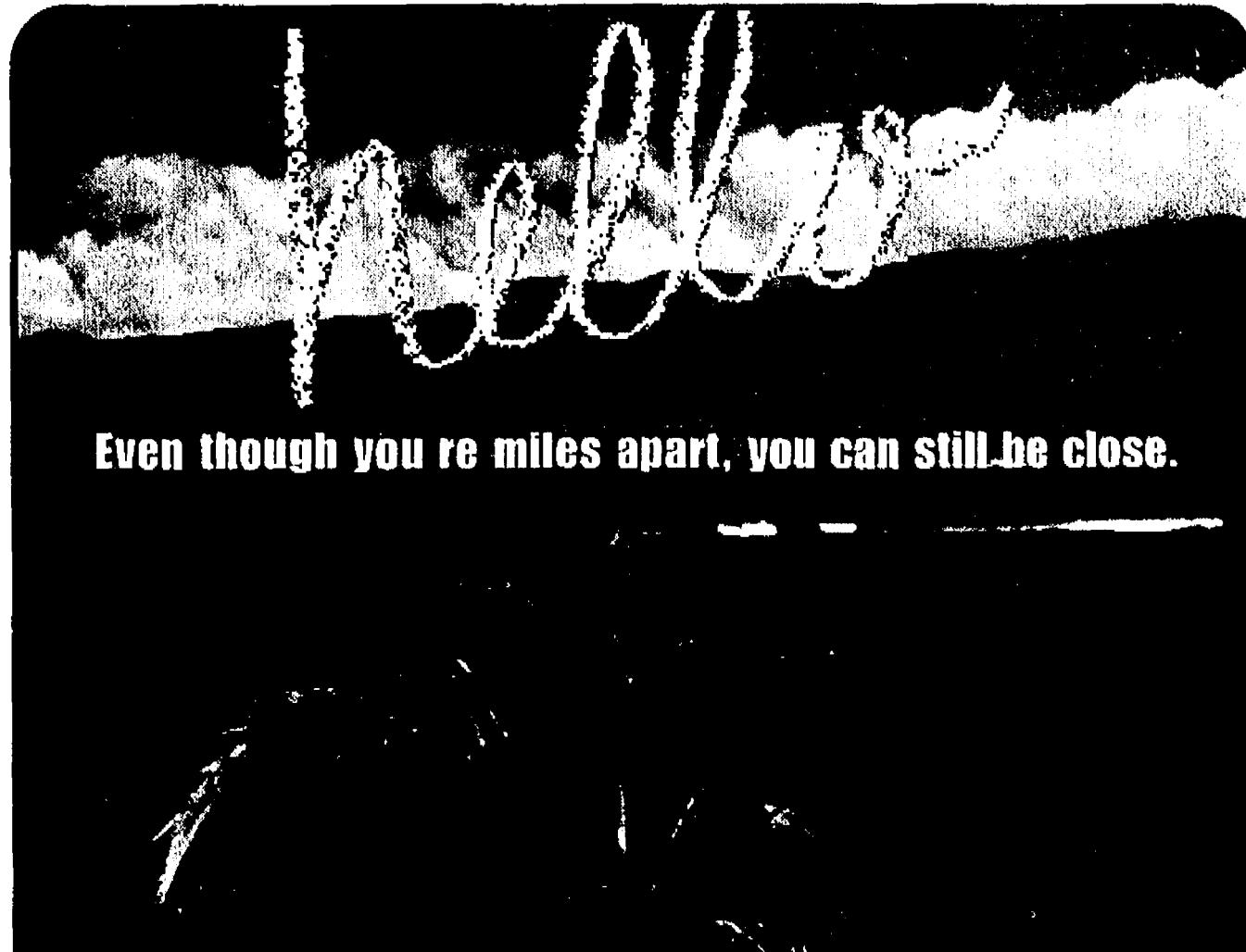
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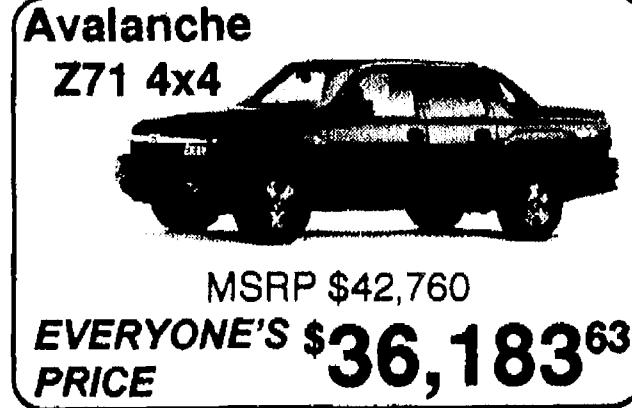
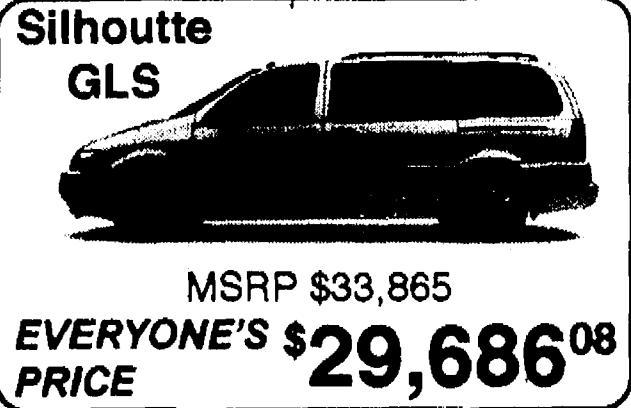
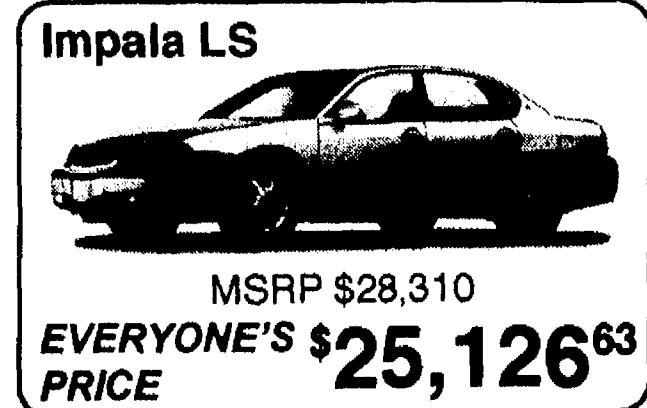
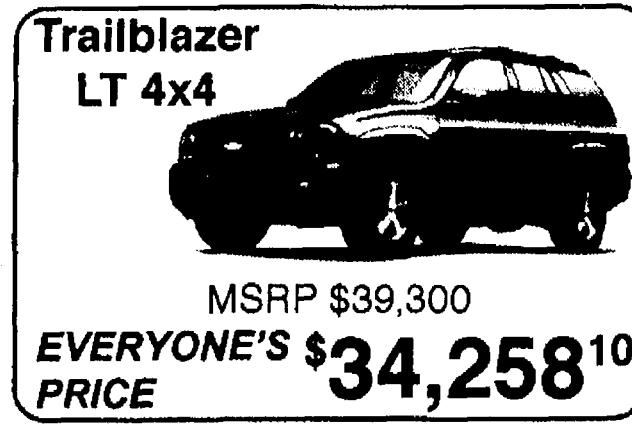
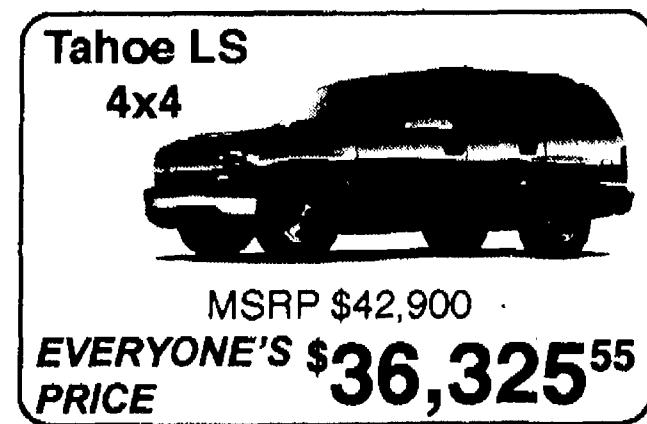
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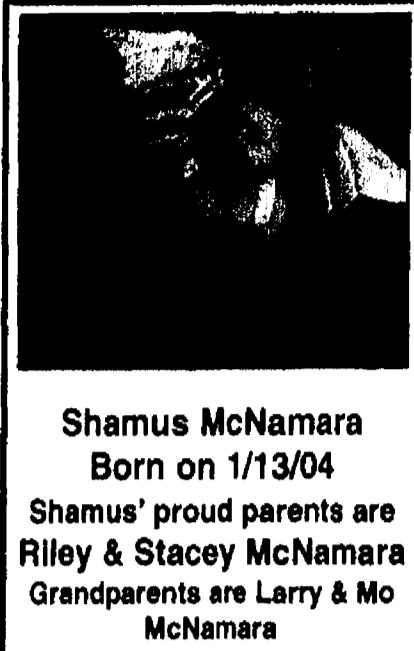
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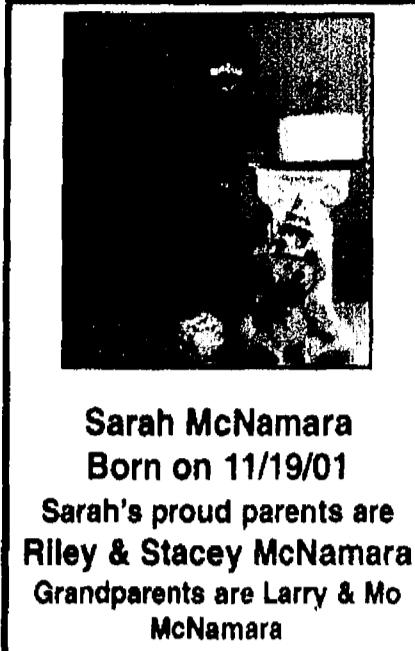
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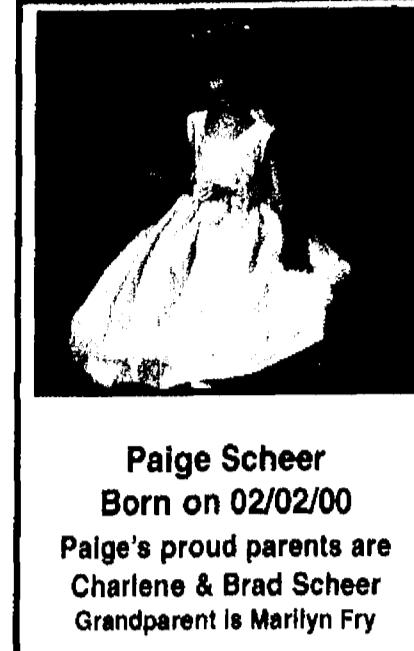
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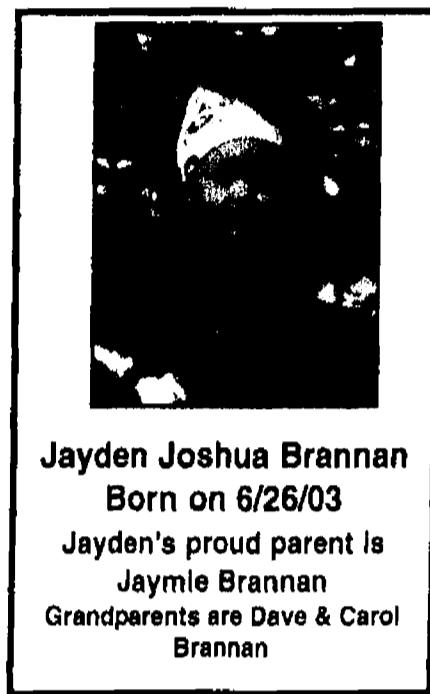


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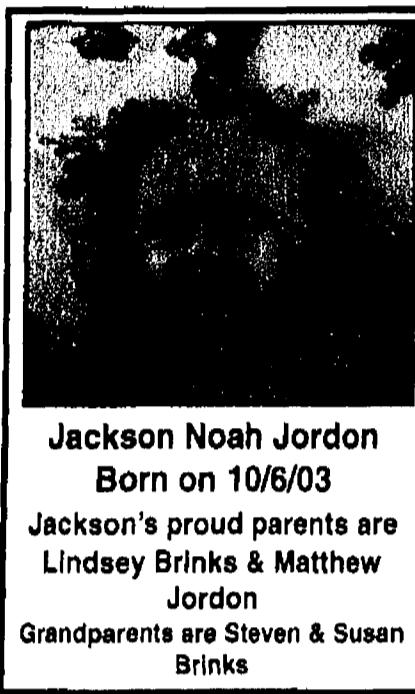


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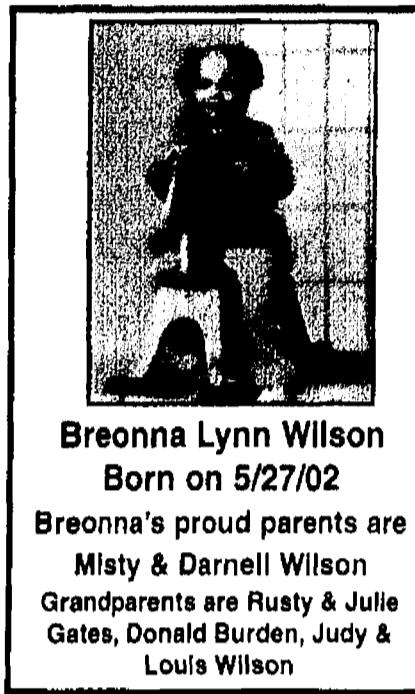
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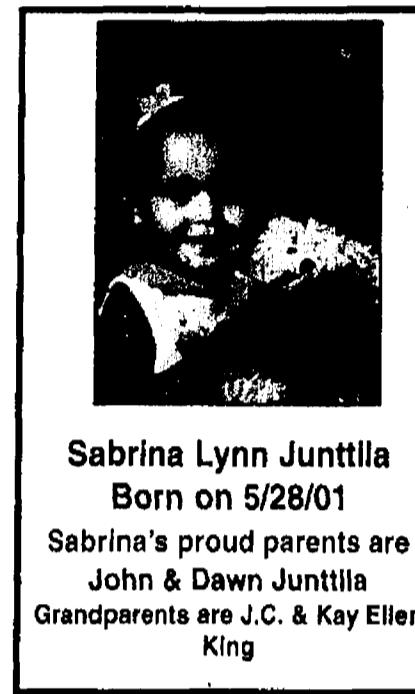
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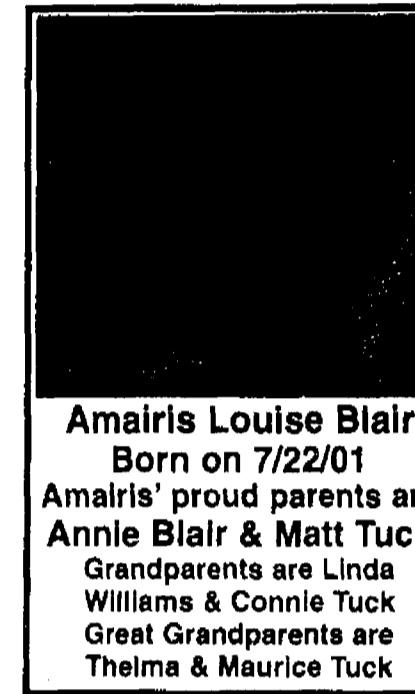
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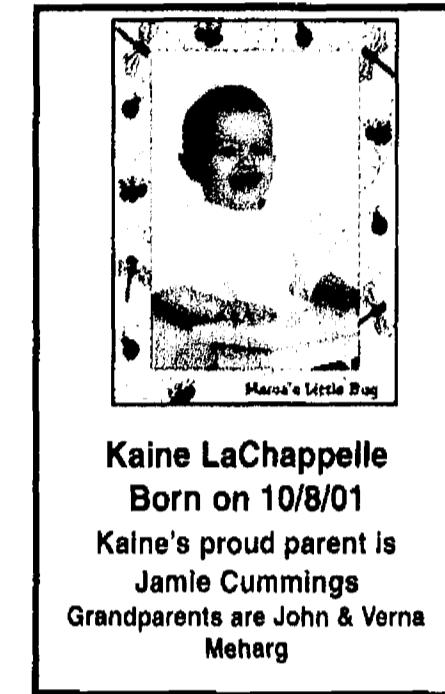
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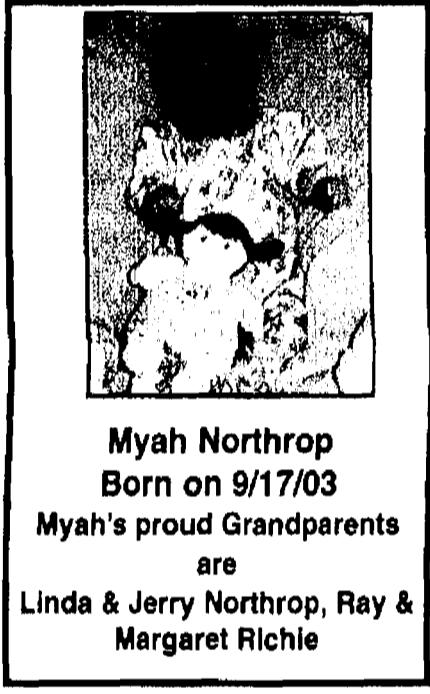
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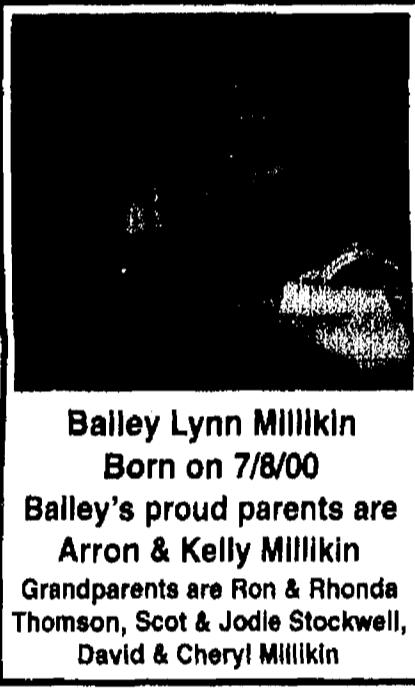
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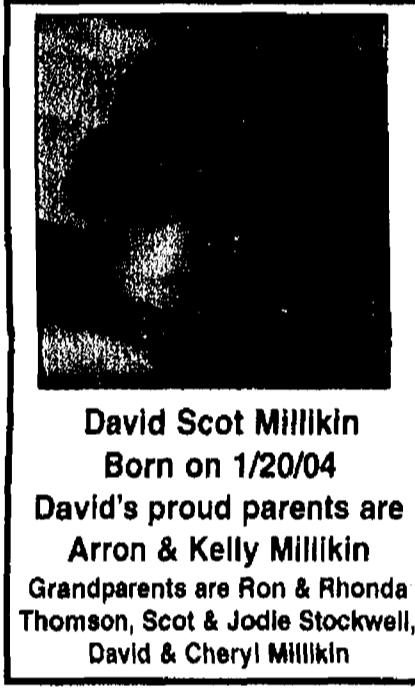
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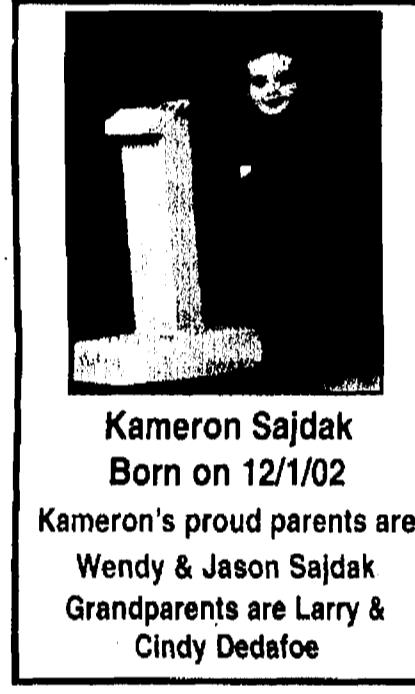
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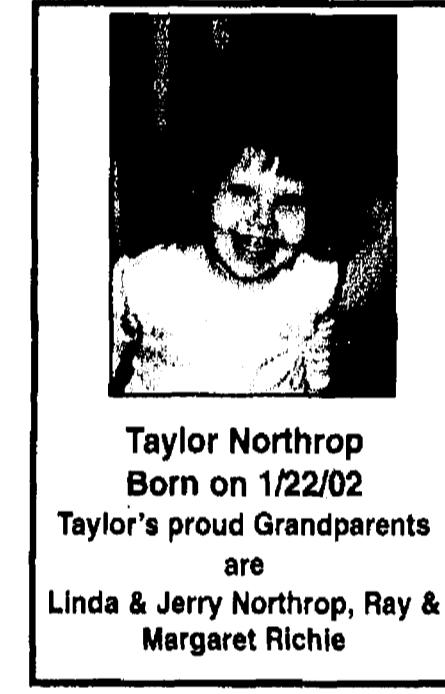
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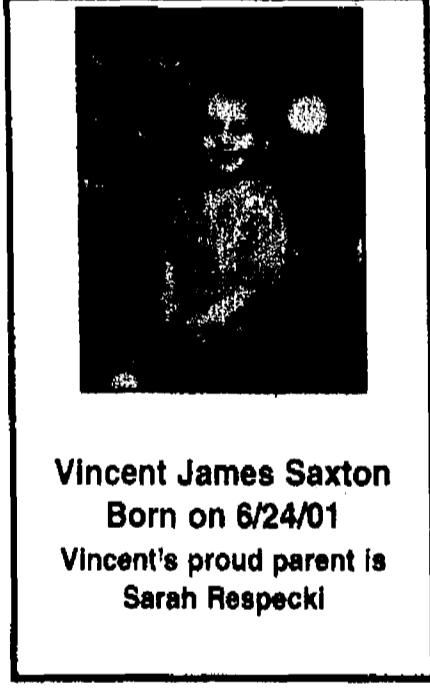
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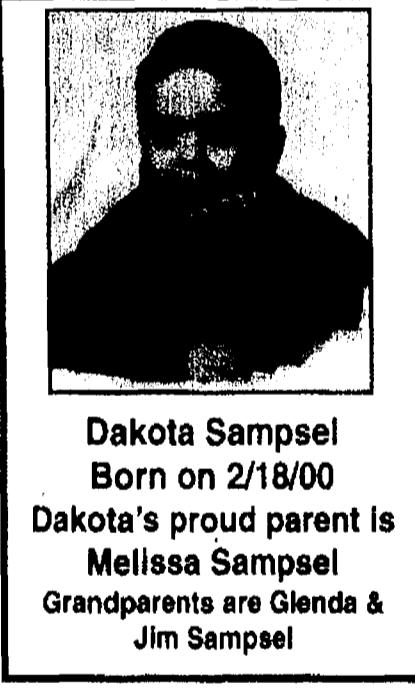
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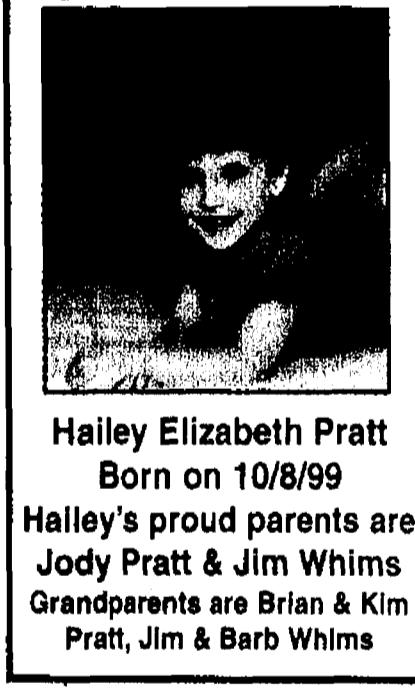
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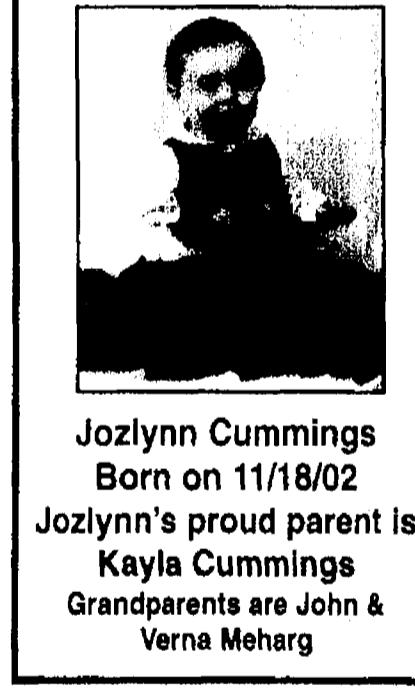
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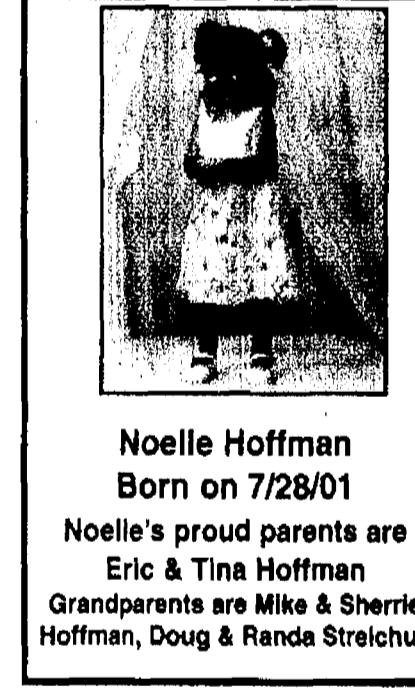
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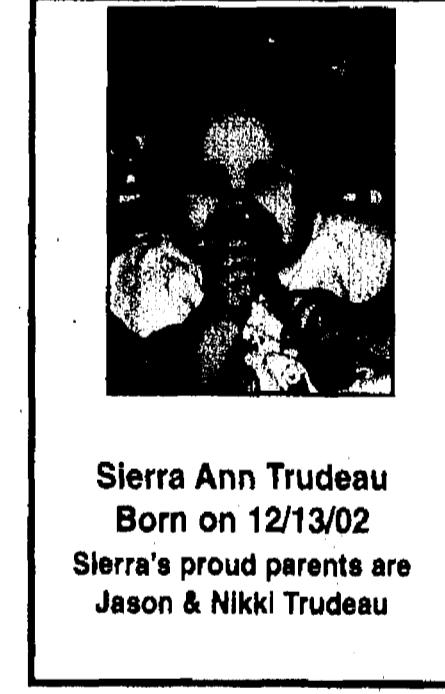
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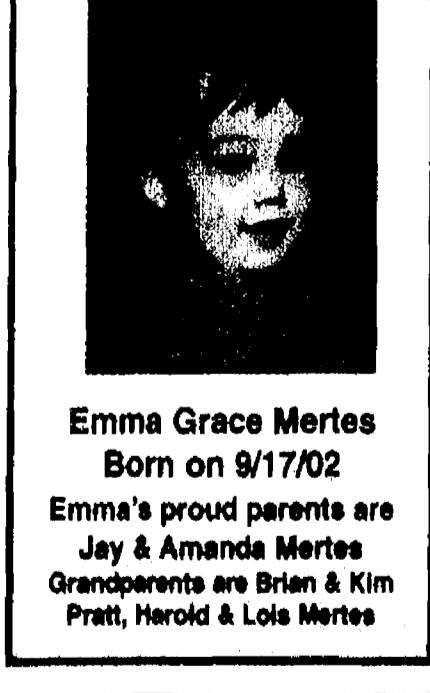
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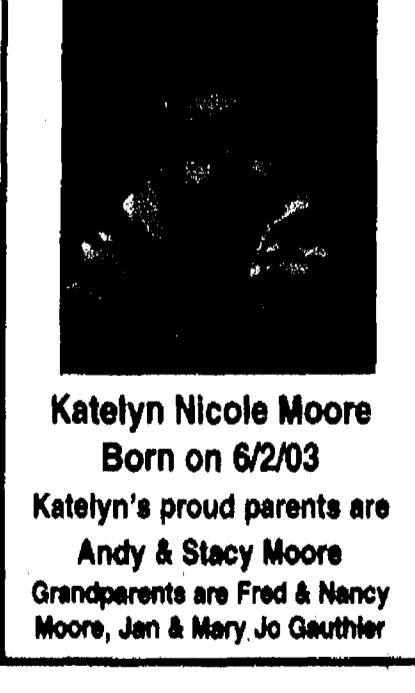
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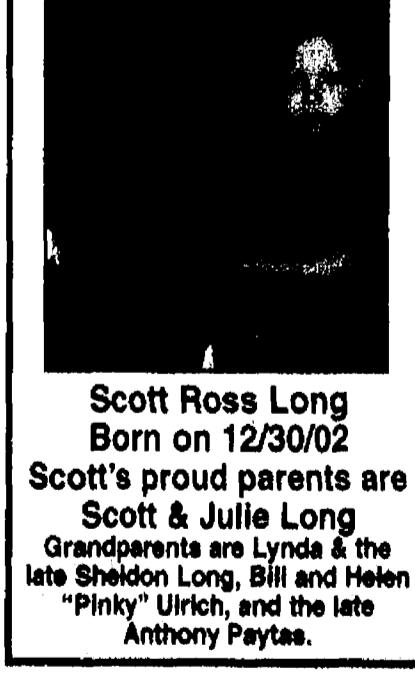
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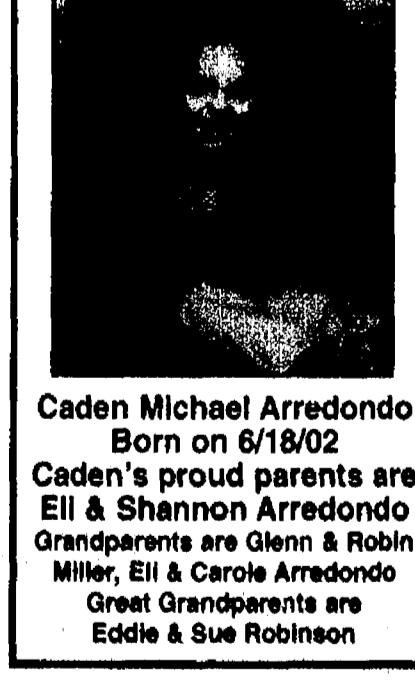
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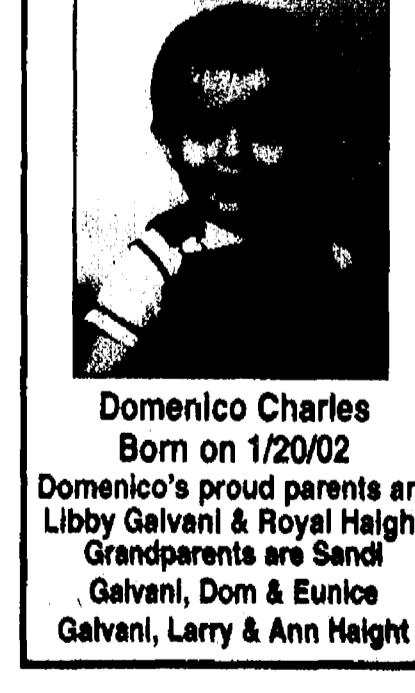
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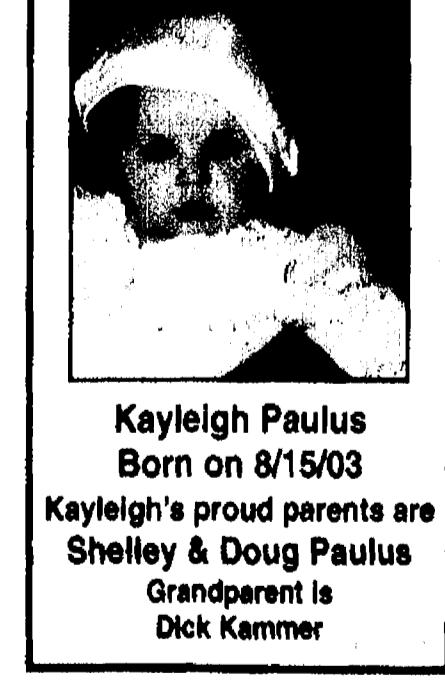
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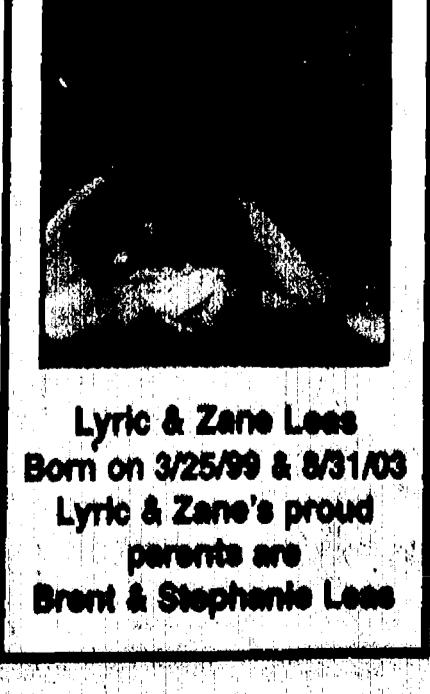
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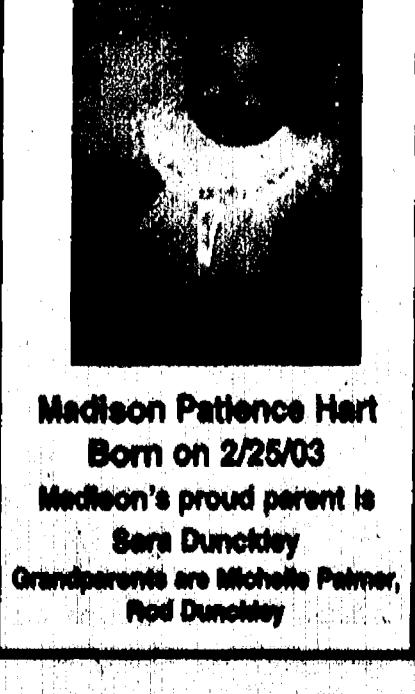
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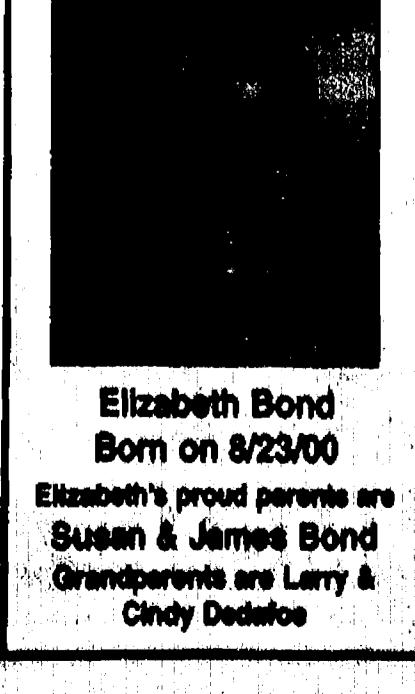
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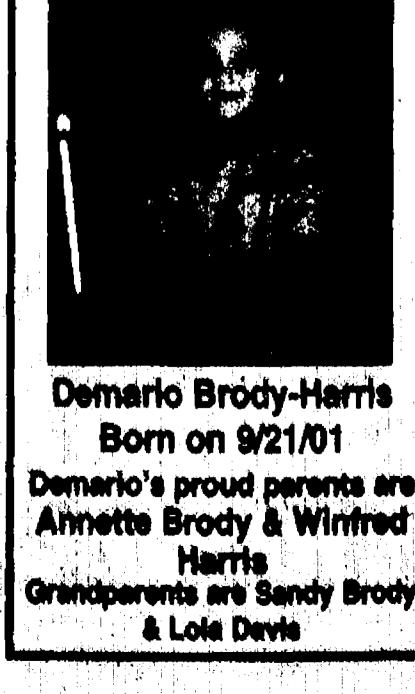
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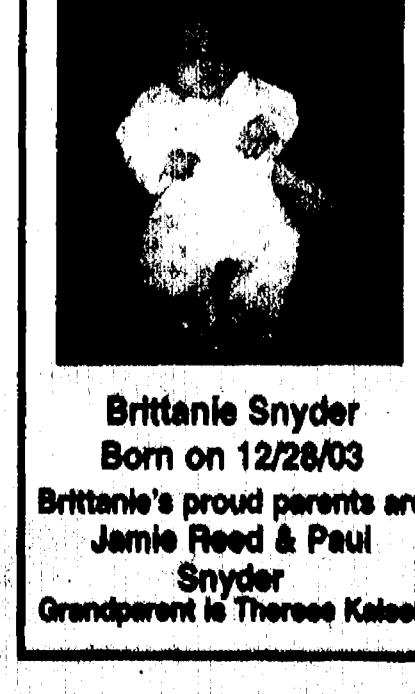
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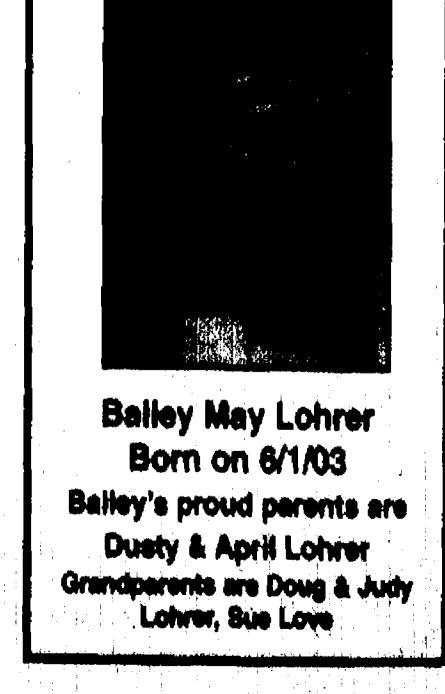
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# B SECTION SPORTS & RECREATION



JV basketball 2B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 19, 2004

## Big Air Competition

Skiers, snowboarders hit the slopes during Winter Fun Days event

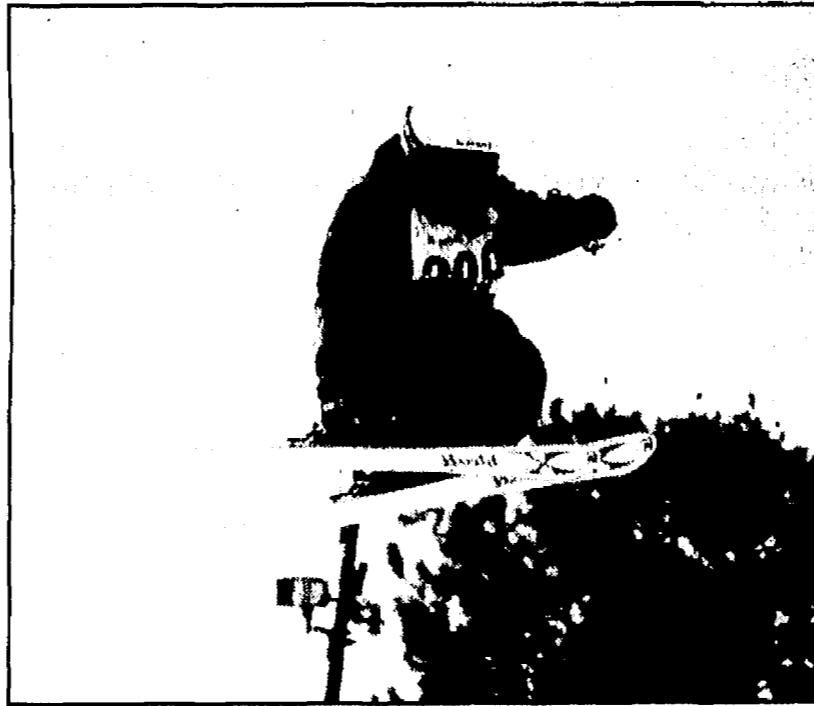


(Above) Jon Handy gets airborne at Saturday's Big Air Competition at Hanson Hills. (Below) Aaron Mead competes in the snowboarding portion of the Big Air event.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Kyle Trudgeon does a flip during one of his three runs on Saturday. (Below) Cameron Wakeley comes off the ramp in the skiing event. For more on the Big Air Competition, including a list of results, see Page 7B.



## Boys ski team qualifies for State Finals

Grayling boys finish third at Regionals on Thursday

Grayling High School's boys ski team skied to a 3rd place finish out of 19 area schools at Regionals last Thursday and qualified for a place at the upcoming State Finals.

The Vikings finished 2nd in the giant slalom (GS) event, building a 23-point lead over Manistee and a 10-point advan-

tage over Onekama. In the slalom competition, two of Grayling's top five boys missed gates and climbed to complete the race. GHS finished 4th in slalom.

The total scores were 138 for Onekama, 143 for Grayling, and 161 for Manistee. The Vikings finished 3rd overall and advanced to the State Finals, which will be held at Boyne Mt. on February 23.

Top overall racers for Continued on Page 5B  
See "BOYS SKI TEAM..."



Trevor Clough skis for Grayling at Regionals last week.

## Grayling splits in final dual meet

Vikings win vs. Onaway, fall to Mio in last meet before Districts

In its final regular season dual meet of 2004, Grayling High School's wrestling team defeated Onaway but lost a close match against a strong Mio team in a meet at Grayling Middle School last Thursday.

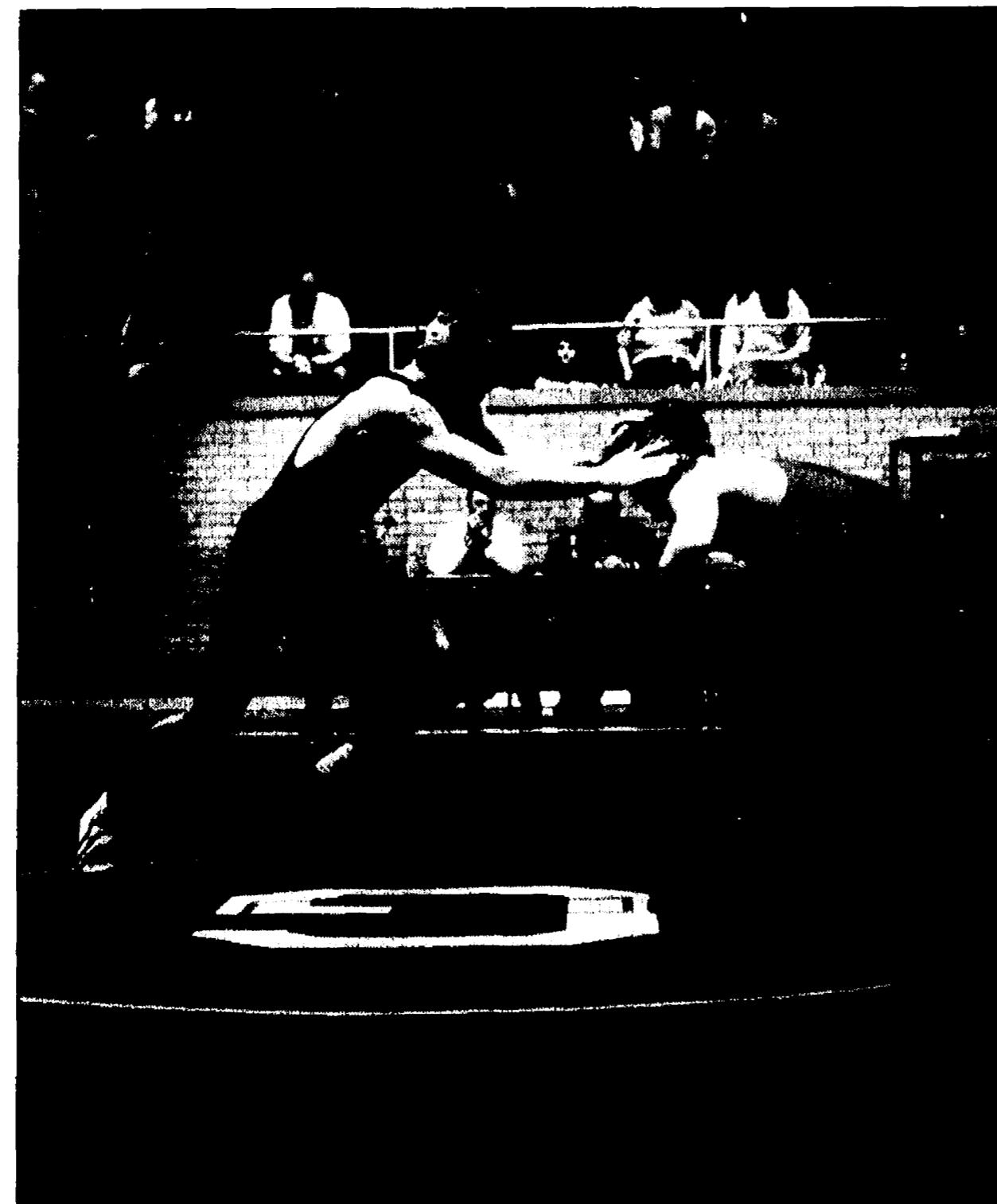
First, the Onaway Cardinals wrestled against the Mio Thunderbolts. Mio won the contest 69-10. The Thunderbolts won five matches by pin, six by forfeit, and one by decision.

Grayling then competed against Onaway, starting with the 152-pound weight class. At 152, Dusty Partello pinned his opponent 17 seconds into the first round to put Grayling up 6-0. Darryl Babbitt (160) posted a first round pin to give GHS a 12-0 advantage. Mike Gassman (171) won by forfeit.

In the 189-pound division, Brandon Pratt pinned his Onaway counterpart in the first round. Aaron Rosecrans (215) and Joe Ferrigan (heavyweight) both won by default, giving the Vikings a 36-0 lead.

Onaway won the 103-pound weight class by pin. Josh Partello won the 112-pound division by pin in the first round.

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See "GRAYLING SPLITS..."



Brandon Pratt wrestles against a Mio opponent in last week's dual meet at Grayling Middle School.

## Varsity Vikings win at Kalkaska

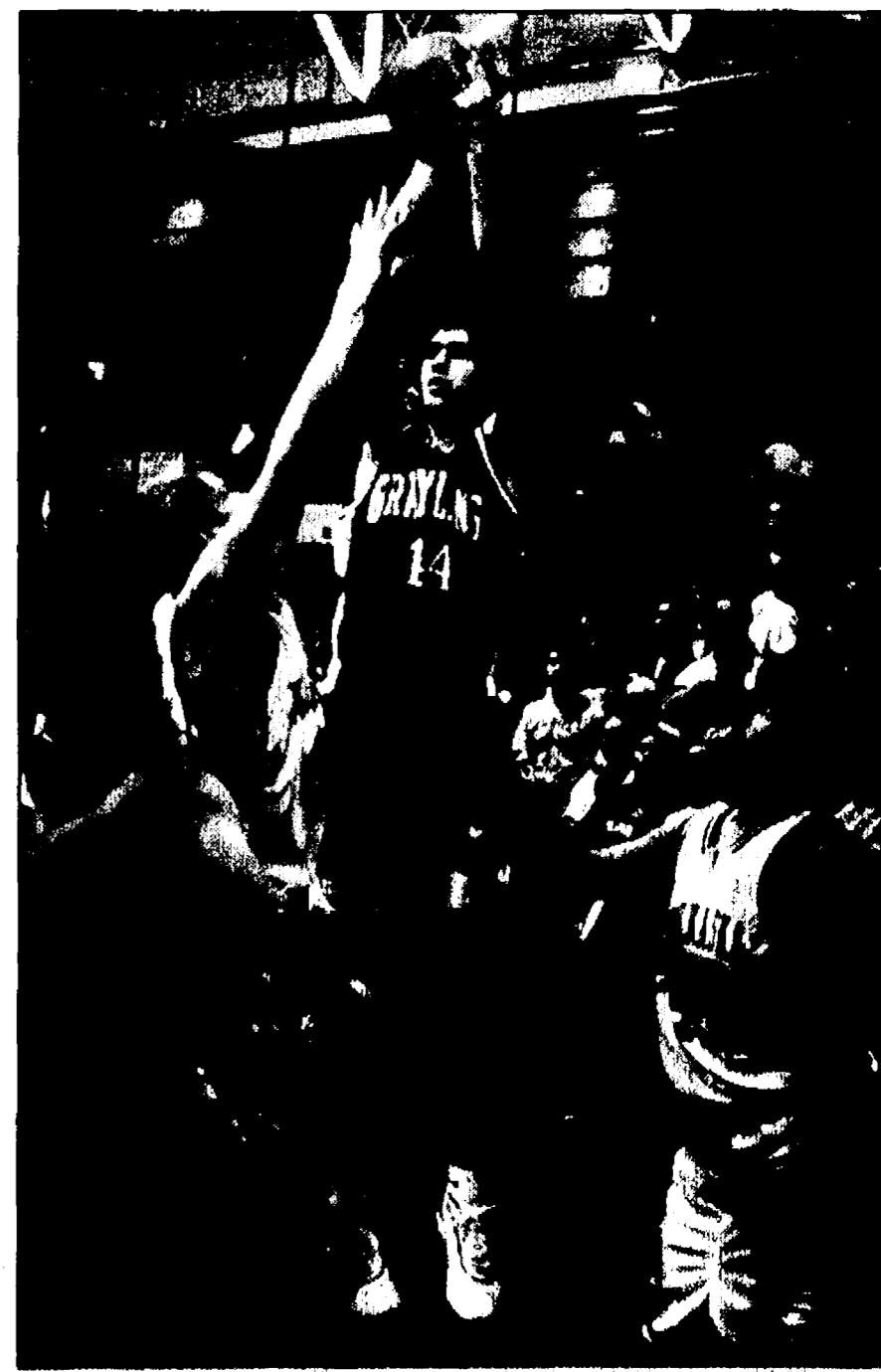


Photo by Caleb Casey  
Joe Lange takes a jump shot for Grayling in last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game at Kalkaska High School. Grayling won the contest 80-66. For more, see Page 3B.



# Varsity Vikings win at Kalkaska

**Grayling defeats  
Blazers at KHS,  
falls to Gladiators  
at St. Francis**

The GHS varsity boys basketball team won at Kalkaska but lost at Traverse City St. Francis in games last week.

On Tuesday, Grayling defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 80-66 at KHS. Grayling led 26-15 after a big first quarter, and had a 42-31 advantage at the half.

Roy Czapek and Joe Lange led all scorers with 17 points apiece. Travis Helsel finished the game with 16 points and Gibson Tobin added 12. Bobby Starks had nine.

Lange led the team in rebounds with eight. Tobin had seven assists and four steals.

"Our kids played solid for three-and-a-half quarters," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I was very pleased with our unselfishness with the basketball. We had great balance and our kids did a nice job of distributing the basketball."

On Friday, the Vikings had a halftime lead at Traverse City St. Francis (32-28) but Grayling did not have a good second half and

the Gladiators won the contest by a final score of 70-50.

"We played a solid half of basketball. In the second half, we went 6:16 without a basket. During that stretch we failed to get the ball inside or attack the basket. We settled on outside jump shots instead of being patient and moving the ball for a high percentage shot. Our chemistry on the floor was very poor during this game. Our kids need to bond together during the tough times and fight through adversity as a group. We failed to do this."

Overall, the Gladiators outrebounded Grayling 25-14.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were Tobin (14) and Czapek (11).

"We have four of our next five games at home. It is time to put up a string of victories and get ready for the tournament," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings will host Boyne City on Friday, February 20. The evening will be "Butch Hayes Night" and will include a ceremony (prior to the varsity contest) honoring the longtime GHS basketball coach. Hayes is retiring after 31 years of coaching.

All former students, players, and coaches are encouraged to



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ryan Schmidt handles the ball for Grayling in last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game at Kalkaska.

attend. A reception for Coach Hayes will be held after the game.

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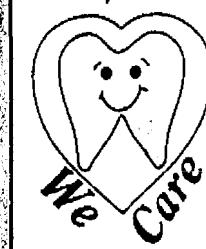
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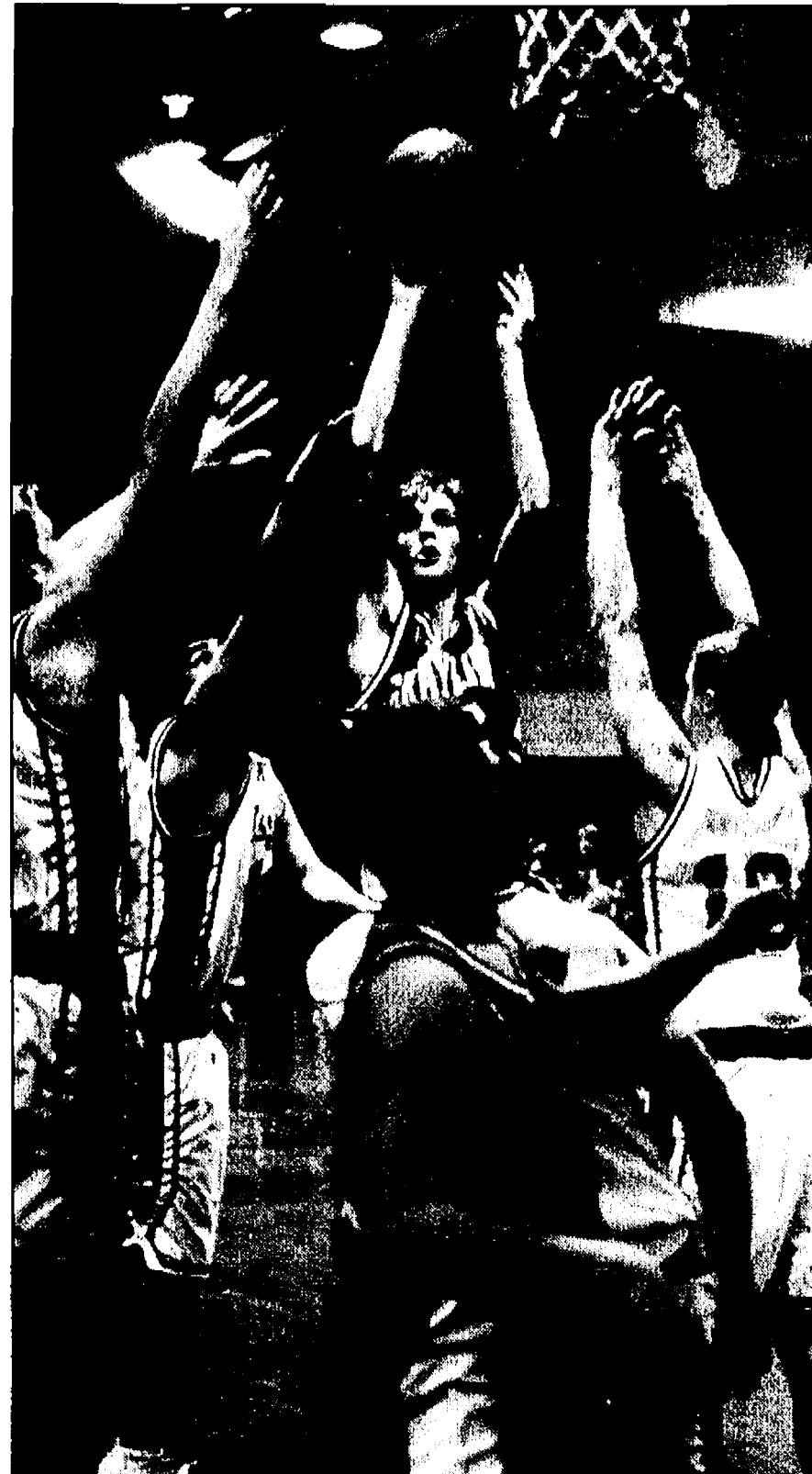
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Josh Hinkle goes up for an inside shot against the Kalkaska Blazers on Tuesday night.



Josh Millikin shoots from the free throw line at Kalkaska.

## GRA GIRLS BASKETBALL

**GRA Girls Basketball League Results: Week #4**

In the first game of the day, Sparks defeated Storm with a score of 25-16. The second game of Comets-vs-Shock ended with the Shock coming away with a 28-12 win.

The next games will be held Saturday, February 21, at the Grayling Middle School starting at 10 a.m.

### Current Standings

| Week 1                | Storm 32 vs Sparks 35  |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Comets 31 vs Shock 16 |                        |
| Week 2                | Sparks 12 vs Shock 14  |
| Comets 20 vs Storm 14 |                        |
| Week 3                | Sparks 12 vs Comets 16 |
| Shock 18 vs Storm 6   |                        |

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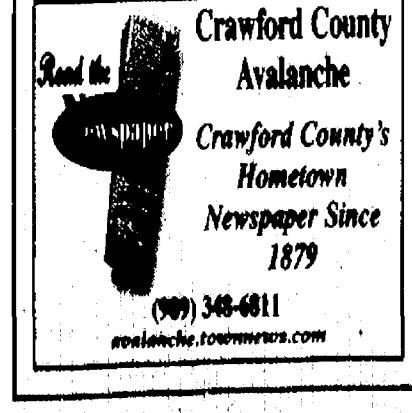
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## Eleven powerlifters win medals at Kingsley

### Medal winners qualify for state championships to be held in March

Seventeen members of the Grayling Powerlifting Club competed at the Northern Michigan State-Championship-Qualifier Match held at Kingsley High School on Saturday, February 7.

Over 130 lifters from more than 10 northern Michigan schools competed at the meet.

Grayling took the 2nd place varsity trophy, finished 2nd in the women's division, and the JV squad placed 3rd overall. Eleven of Grayling's 17 lifters won medals, including four 1st place finishes, three 2nd, and four 3rd.

In the women's division, sophomore Andrea Southard won the best lift total award and placed 1st in the 165-pound

weight class with a total of 605 pounds. Katie Sanford finished 2nd in the 148-pound class with a total of 395 pounds and June Clark took 3rd in the 132-pound class with 510 pounds.

Three varsity lifters won first place in their weight class: J.B. Quintano (242) with 1,185 pounds; Jon Parker (207) with 1,305 pounds; Lucas Southard (220) 1,345 pounds.

Dan Snider had a total lift of 1,105 pounds to take 2nd place in the 198-pound weight class. Matthias Shafer took 3rd place in the 155-pound weight class with a total lift of 925 pounds. Jesse Blankenship finished 4th in the 181-pound division and had a personal best 200-pound bench press.

Among the JV lifters, Mike Sanford took 2nd in the 207-pound weight class with a 945-pound total. Josh Parker and Matt Larson both won 2nd place medals. Parker had a 1,050-pound total in the 275-pound weight class and Larson finished with a 695-pound total in the 242-pound weight class.

All the lifters who won medals (with top three finishes) at Kingsley qualified to compete at the Michigan High School Power Lifting Association (MHSPLA) State Championships. JV lifter Josh Morgan qualified for the state championships with his 3rd place finish at the Newaygo meet and freshman Amanda Moran qualified by making a total lift of 495 pounds at Kingsley.

Thirteen Grayling lifters are qualified to compete at the state championships, which will be held at Montrose High School on March 19-20. Five of these lifters have also qualified to compete at USAPL High School Nationals in Wisconsin, which will be held the same weekend as the state championships.



J.B. Quintano competes in the squat lift event at a recent meet at Kingsley. Quintano made a successful 450-pound squat and won 1st place in the 242-pound varsity weight class with a 1,180-pound total.



June Clark squat lifts. Clark finished 3rd at Kingsley in the 132-pound women's division.



Matthias Schafer, a foreign exchange student, posted a 925-pound total at Kingsley and placed 3rd in the 155-pound varsity class. His parents from Germany were on hand to witness the event.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation

|                       |                                                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Woody Girls           | 21 - 7                                          |
| Chicken Little        | 16 - 12                                         |
| Mickey Perez CPA      | 15 - 13                                         |
| Peterson Service      | 14 - 14                                         |
| Gale Enterprises      | 14 - 14                                         |
| Glen's Market         | 13 - 15                                         |
| Hawk Ridge Golf       | 12 - 16                                         |
| Coldwell Banker       | 7 - 21                                          |
| High Series           | P. Terry, 528; M. Shanks, 520; K. Moshier, 518. |
| High Game             | P. Terry, 203; M. Starks, 202; P. D'Amour, 194. |
| Monday Night Pioneer  | McDonald's                                      |
| Chemical Bank         | 20.5 - 11.5                                     |
| Grayling Chiro.Clinic | 17.5 - 14.5                                     |

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High Series

T. Parker, 524; M. Cole, 518; T. Rock, 496.

High Game

J. Coors, S. Johnson, T. Parker, 189; M. Cole, 180; L. Golnick, T. Rock, 172.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Calkins Excavating

Charlies Country Corner

Moshier Auto Repair

American Legion

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Double Trouble

Mens High Series: C. Hanson, 580; D. Wallace, 571; D. Canfield, 553. Mens High Game: D. Wallace, 216; C. Hanson, 213; R. Trudeau, 205. Women High Series: K. Trudeau, 472; K. Moshier, 451; D. Medina, 448. Women High Game: S. France, 171; L. Hanson, S. Johnson, D. Medina, 164; K. Trudeau, 159.

Senior Bowling

Spikes Keg O' Nails

Flowers By Josie

Kicking Grass

Gray Rock

Grayling Pharmacy

Sylvesters Sports

Lone Pine Restaurant

Bear's Den Pizza

Men's High Series: K. Harris, 530; G. Wolfe, 502; K. Louchart, 502. Men's High Game: K. Harris, 202; L. Essiambre, 200; L. Crampton, 189. Women's High Series: M. Ryss, 485; D. Doremire, 469; C. Clark, 453. Women's High Game: D. Doremire, 179; M. Ryss, 178; W. Finkbeiner, 163.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Little Tyke Daycare

Calkins Excavating

Fritch Electric

Dennco

Weyerhaeuser

Beckett Construction

River Valley Grille

Dairy Queen

High Series, Men: D. Wallace, 595; S. Miller, 552; B. Nielson, 551. High Game, Men: J. Meharg, 224; D. Wallace, 205; B. Nielson, 197. High Series, Women: T. Rock, 467; S. France, 451; V. Meharg, C. Fritch, 418. High Game, Women: S. France, 165; T. Rock, 162; D. Calkins, 160.

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## Boys ski team qualifies for State Finals

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Grayling at Regionals were Trevor Clough, who placed 5th in GS, and Pat McNally, who took 8th in slalom. Clough finished 41st in slalom and McNally was 30th in GS. There were 66 racers in each event.

Grayling's most consistent racer of the day was Jim Jansen, who placed 14th in slalom and 17th in GS. Jon Handy finished 21st and 22nd. Adam Gilbert placed second on the team in GS with a 15th. In slalom, he straddled a gate and had to climb, fin-

ishing 55th. Andrew Hart took 45th in both races.

Grayling's girls team placed 8th at Regionals.

The Vikings were led by Kassie McClain, who finished 26th in slalom and 30th in GS. McClain has been solid this year,

placing in 17 of 18 races this season. Freshman Erica Moggo was second on the team with a 26th in GS (best on the team at Regionals) and a 38th in slalom. Mallory Olson was 28th in GS and 48th in slalom. Heather Vandcar was 40th in slalom and 48th in GS. Katie Baynham had Grayling's best run of the day with an 11th in her first slalom run but hit a gate in her second run and finished 46th.



(Left) Pat McNally gets ready to leave the starting gate. (Right) Jim Jansen skis at Regionals.

## Ski teams improve league positions

### Boys team moves into third place in Lake Michigan Conference

The Vikings of Grayling High School improved their position in the Lake Michigan Conference with their performances at last Monday's league meet at Nub's Nob.

The boys ski team moved up a notch against Lake Michigan Conference competition, moving into third place. Grayling defeated Charlevoix/East Jordan, Traverse City St. Francis, and Elk Rapids but finished behind #1 ranked Harbor Springs and #5 Boyne City.

The girls finished 5th but cut the distance between them and the #1 ranked Harbor Springs Rams by 33 team points.

Top skier for the girls team was Heather Vandcar, who placed 11th in slalom and 6th in giant slalom (GS). Mallory Olson placed 22nd in slalom and 17th in GS. Katie Baynham was 29th in slalom (after a fall) and 11th in GS. Kassie McClain took 19th in slalom (her best finish in a league slalom event this year) and 24th in GS. Erica Moggo finished 23rd in slalom and 21st in GS.

Grayling's boys team was led by Pat McNally, who posted his best slalom finish in league competition with 7th. He took 17th in GS. Jon Handy placed 15th in slalom and 12th in GS (his best league giant slalom finish). Trevor Clough placed 18th in slalom (he missed a gate and had to climb back) and led the team in GS with a 10th place finish. Jim Jansen had his best com-

bined finish in the league this year with a 13th and 15th. Adam Gilbert placed 14th in slalom and his best slalom finish and placed 25th in GS. Andrew Hart had his best league finish in GS with a 24th. He placed 25th in slalom.

The "B" team boys skiers moved up a few places in league competition with Arnaud Grebille finishing 4th in GS, Chris Gildner placing 8th, Jimmy Hilbrecht 10th, and Charles Hughes 17th. In slalom, Gildner placed 7th, Grebille 9th, Hilbrecht 11th, and Hughes 14th.

"It was a good warm-up before the Regionals," Coach Mike Wieland said. "Most of our racers had never raced on the Nub's Nob front hills before and they skied well as a team. We hope it continues into the MHSAA Regionals at Crystal Mt. on Thursday."

## POOL LEAGUE

### Men's Standings

|                                                            |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Legion                                                     | 70  |
| Sawmill Fun                                                | 47  |
| Sawmill Table Runners                                      | 58  |
| Riverside                                                  | 28  |
| Plaza                                                      | 43  |
| Ole Barn                                                   | 63  |
| Frederic Inn                                               | 60  |
| Sawmill Last Minute Men                                    | 61  |
| 8 Ball Runs: Phil F. (Sawmill Fun); Weasel (Frederic Inn). |     |
| Women's Standings<br>1-12-2004                             |     |
| Frederic Inn                                               | 136 |

### Vikings of the Week



**Skiing**  
Coach: Mike Wieland  
**PAT MCINALLY & ERICA MOGGO**

Pat had the team's top slalom finishes of the week with a 7th at Nub's Nob and an 8th at Regionals. Erica's times were used in all four races last week and she had the team's best giant slalom finish at Regionals.

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# Big Air event held at Hanson Hills

## Snowboarders, skiers compete during Winter Fun Days festival

On Saturday, several area skiers and snowboarders strapped on their equipment and took to the slopes of Hanson Hills for the annual Big Air Competition held during the winter sports park's yearly Winter Fun Days festival, a weekend-long event.

Snowboarders and skiers each had three runs. Each run was scored by a panel of three judges and totals were tallied to determine winners in each age group.

Results of this year's Big Air Competition, provided by Grayling Recreation Authority, are listed on this page.

### Winter Fun Days Big Air Competition Results

#### Snowboarders

| Age Group | Name             | Bib #        | Score |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| 13-15     | Chris Dudzinski  | #65          | 55    |
| 13-15     | Jeff Todd        | #71          | 51    |
| 13-15     | Matt Krajewski   | #290         | 43    |
| 13-15     | Jake Hurd        | #69          | 37    |
| 18-Over   | Kyle Fleischmann | #7           | 57    |
| 18-Over   | Aaron Mead       | #420         | 53    |
| 18-Over   | Justin Andre     | Director Guy | 31    |

#### Skiers

| Age Group       | Name              | Bib # | Score |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| 12-Under        | Braden Coe        | #68   | 65    |
| 12-Under        | Mike Olson        | #297  | 58    |
| 12-Under        | Cameron Wakeley   | #299  | 54    |
| Age Group       | Name              | Bib # | Score |
| 12-Under Female | Laura Brackenbury | #61   | 52    |
| Age Group       | Name              | Bib # | Score |
| 13-15           | Sean Hernandez    | #300  | 59    |
| Age Group       | Name              | Bib # | Score |
| 16-18           | Kyle Trudgeon     | #67   | 69    |
| 16-18           | Jon Handy         | #289  | 50    |



Photos by Caleb Casey

Braden Coe competes in the skiing portion of Saturday's Big Air event.



Snowboarder Matt Krajewski hits the Big Air ramp at Hanson Hills.

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by George A. Pelton and Linda Pelton, to Kalkaska Housing Factory, dated August 21, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 25, 1995, in Liber 399, Page(s) 53, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), by Mortgage Assignment dated August 23, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 25, 1995, in Liber 399, Page(s) 56, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$37,600.91, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 31, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 8.99 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

All of the Northeast 1/4 of the

Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 28, North, Range 3 West, also including that part of the following described Parcel "G" located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34; EXCEPT therefrom that part deeded to the State Highway Commissioner by deed recorded March 20, 1931 in Liber 18, Page 384.

PARCEL "G": Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 34, T28N, R3W, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 34; thence S89°56'W (along the Section line), 1061.8 feet to the P.O.B.; thence S0°18E, 666.52 feet; thence S89°53'W, 260 feet; thence S0°18E, 660 feet; thence S89°53'W, 266 feet; thence N0°11'18" W, 1026.98 feet; thence N89°56'E, 263.5 feet; thence N0°18'W, 300 feet; thence N89°56'E, 260 feet to the P.O.B.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC  
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance)  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
Donald A Brandt (P30183)  
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817  
Date: February 11, 2004

-19-26-4-11-18

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 12

months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 19, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC J 248-593-1311

Trot & Trot, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #014409F01

-19-26-4-11

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6754-DE

Estate of Robert Dwight Weed, deceased

Date of birth: 9/23/1917

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Robert Dwight Weed, who lived at 25049 Navel Ave., Leesburg, Florida died October 15, 1999.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Clara E. Weed, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 11, 2004

Mary M. Lycuis P62999

40700 Woodward Ave., Suite A

Bloomfield, MI 48304

(248) 642-5770

Clara E. Weed

Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, State of Michigan described as follows:

That certain parcel of land located within the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, bounded by a line beginning at the Section corner at the Northwest corner of said forty-acre tract and running thence East 132 feet; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet, thence North 330 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being in the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

DONALD A BRANDT (P30183)  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817

Traverse City, MI 49696-5817

(231) 941-9660  
Date: January 26, 2004

-5-12-19-26-4

### CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE BOARD POSITIONS

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND AID THE WORK OF HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE COUNTY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK  
FEBRUARY 13, 2004

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax (989) 348-6713.

| CLASS        | TENTATIVE RATIO |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Agricultural | 50.00           |
| Commercial   | 50.00           |
| Industrial   | 50.00           |
| Personal     | 50.00           |
| Utilities    | 50.00           |
| Residential  | 50.00           |

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk

### The Ole Barn

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Tues. - Tacos

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Sat. - Prime Rib

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF  
CRAWFORD  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate**

File No. 04-6748-DE  
Estate of Joseph Stanley Kernosky,  
deceased

Date of birth: 11/17/1930

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

The decedent, Joseph Stanley Kernosky, who lived at Grayling Nursing Home, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling Michigan 49738, died December 18, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laurie Klont, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 5, 2004  
Laurie Klont  
5814 Cabrena Drive  
Lansing, MI 48917  
(517) 323-0023

Pages 315 through 325, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$50,576.64.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 22, of ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

Dated: February 2, 2003

-12-19-26-4-11

**Notice Of  
Mortgage  
Foreclosure Sale**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John G McNicholl, II, a married man a/k/a John G McNicholl, and Rebecca McNicholl, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagor, dated May 4, 2001, and recorded on July 3, 2001 in Liber 540 on Page 388, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Three And 76/100 Dollars (\$161,803.76), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as fol-

lows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 29, thence North 0 degrees, 12 minutes, West on the Section line, 515.65 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 0 degrees, 12 minutes, West, 798.25 feet to the 1/8 corner; thence South 89 degrees, 30 minutes, East 400.80 feet to the centerline of Steckert Bridge Road; thence 286.00 feet along the arc of a 482.17 foot radius curve to the right, with a long chord of which bears South 18 degrees, 04 minutes West, 281.83 feet; thence South 35 degrees, 03 minutes 40 seconds West 399.65 feet; thence 217.60 feet along the arc of a 477.50 foot radius curve to the left, with a long chord of which bears South 22 degrees, 01 minutes, West 215.57 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #013897F01

-12-19-26-4-11

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Foreclosure Sale**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ralph Dandy, a married man and Rebecca Dandy, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagor, dated January 13, 2003, and recorded on January 23, 2003 in Liber 618 on Page 37, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven And 13/100 Dollars (\$182,687.13), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Together with all land lying between said intermediate traverse line and the thread of said river and also together with and subject to: a 33 foot wide easement for ingress and egress the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West, along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, a distance of 1719.61 feet, to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 14.65 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds East, a distance of 577.29 feet to the point of beginning.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 31, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, a distance of 1074.58 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 23 seconds West along said line, a distance of 773.12 feet; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel to said 1/4 line a distance of 429.81 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel to said 1/4 line a distance of 230.79 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 364.46 feet to the intermediate traverse line and the East bank of

the AuSable River; thence along said line and river the following 4 courses; thence North 22 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 168.55 feet; thence North 48 degrees 21 minutes 19 seconds West a distance of 49.70 feet; thence North 68 degrees 39 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 86.32 feet; thence North 46 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 14.65 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 577.29 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with all land lying between

said intermediate traverse line and the thread of said river and also together with

and subject to: a 33 foot wide easement

for ingress and egress the centerline of

which is described as: Commencing at the

North 1/4 corner of said Section; thence

South 00 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds

West, a distance of 106.20 feet; thence

North 79 degrees 14 minutes 47 seconds

West, a distance of 114.76 feet; thence

North 07 degrees 24 minutes 15 seconds

East, a distance of 360.92 feet to the point

of ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #015213F01

-19-26-4-11

**Notice Of  
Foreclosure Sale**

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine E. Timmons, an adult woman, and Jason Fik, a single man, of 408 Ionia Street, Grayling Michigan 49738-1614 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on April 21, 2003 in Liber 629,

| CLASS                                                   | ASSESSED           | EQUALIZED          | RATIOS       | FACTORS       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2004</b> |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 340,300            | 274,962            | 61.88        | 0.8080        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 3,761,000          | 3,798,223          | 49.51        | 1.0099        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | 12,941,200         | 12,941,200         | 50.00        | 1.0000        |
| 401 Residential                                         | 47,022,600         | 51,809,828         | 45.38        | 1.1018        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| 601 Developmental                                       | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| <b>TOTAL REAL</b>                                       | <b>64,065,100</b>  | <b>68,824,213</b>  |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>                                   | <b>23,024,000</b>  | <b>23,033,366</b>  |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>                                   | <b>87,089,100</b>  | <b>91,857,579</b>  | <b>49.98</b> | <b>1.0004</b> |
| <b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2004</b>     |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 3,477,400          | 3,741,554          | 46.47        | 1.0760        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 2,055,200          | 2,314,936          | 44.39        | 1.1264        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | 404,200            | 410,522            | 49.23        | 1.0156        |
| 401 Residential                                         | 50,678,300         | 54,434,264         | 46.55        | 1.0741        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     | 2,308,100          | 2,681,966          | 43.03        | 1.1620        |
| 601 Developmental                                       | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| <b>TOTAL REAL</b>                                       | <b>58,923,200</b>  | <b>63,583,242</b>  |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>                                   | <b>7,083,700</b>   | <b>7,083,895</b>   |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>                                   | <b>66,006,900</b>  | <b>70,667,137</b>  | <b>50.00</b> | <b>1.0000</b> |
| <b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2004</b>     |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 2,369,700          | 2,075,408          | 57.09        | 0.8758        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 9,586,800          | 10,007,098         | 47.90        | 1.0438        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | 24,286,200         | 24,388,633         | 49.79        | 1.0042        |
| 401 Residential                                         | 175,989,300        | 190,753,631        | 46.13        | 1.0839        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| 601 Developmental                                       | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| <b>TOTAL REAL</b>                                       | <b>212,232,000</b> | <b>227,224,770</b> |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>                                   | <b>5,496,600</b>   | <b>5,496,398</b>   |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>                                   | <b>217,728,600</b> | <b>232,721,168</b> | <b>50.00</b> | <b>1.0000</b> |
| <b>LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2004</b>      |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 4,045,000          | 4,028,082          | 50.21        | 0.9958        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 1,026,900          | 1,426,250          | 36.00        | 1.3889        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| 401 Residential                                         | 59,418,800         | 61,459,247         | 48.34        | 1.0343        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     | -                  | -                  | -            | -             |
| 601 Developmental                                       | -                  | -                  | -            |               |

## RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferrigan at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: McClain, Ferrigan, Akers, Palmer, Moshier

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Dave Sabin, City Attorney, Tom Wellman, Kay Cosgray, Bob Cosgray, Ann Stephenson, Dave Stephenson, Doug Meroney, Barb Greene, Bill Greene, Duane Brooks, Terry McGregor, Chad Beckett, Melissa Beckett, Steve Southard

III. Public Hearing.

None.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.

Revenue / Expenditure Report December 2003

Thank You from Karl & Angie DeVries & Family

Estimated Revenue Sharing Payments FY 2003-04

Legislative Link - January 20, 2004

04-014

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended; moving item "D" to New Business: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

04-015

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to add "Fire Department" to the Agenda as "D" under Old Business: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

04-016

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers that the minutes of the special meeting of January 12, 2004 be approved as presented: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

04-017

Regular City Council Meeting on January 12, 2004

04-018

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Palmer to appoint Joe Ferrigan as the City Council representative to the Fire Committee: Roll Call Vote: Aker: Nay, Ferrigan: Nay, McClain: Nay, Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, motion failed.

Moshier that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2004 be approved as presented: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens Who Wish To Speak On Agenda Items.

None.  
Old Business.  
Auditor Contract  
04-018

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to table until the Auditors can be present to answer questions: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Library Board  
04-019

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers to hear Mrs. Greene's presentation regarding the library: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Barb Greene was present on behalf of the library to explain how the library funding works and inform the City Council of the library's financial status.

Appoint Fire Committee  
04-020

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to appoint Joe Ferrigan and Larry Akers to the Fire Committee:

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to amend the motion to: appoint Larry Akers and Allen Lowe to the Fire Committee: Roll Call Vote: Aker: Nay, Ferrigan: Nay, McClain: Nay, Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, motion failed.

04-021

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to appoint Joe Ferrigan as the City Council representative to the Fire Committee: Roll Call Vote: Aker: Nay, Ferrigan: Nay, McClain: Nay, Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, motion carried.

Fire Department  
04-022

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers to listen to the Fire Chief's presentation regarding the grant that the Fire Department was approved for: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Chief Brooks gave the Council an overview of the \$87,720 grant that the Fire Department received approval for.

VIII. New Business.

Legislative Conference

Any Council member interested in attending this conference should contact the City Manager.

Pay Increase  
04-023

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to hear the Allen's views on a pay increase: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Allen recommended \$40-41,000.

04-024

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers to set the City Clerk's salary at \$40,000 for the 2003-2004 Budget Year with the next pay period: Roll Call Vote: Ferrigan: Aye, McClain: Nay, Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Nay, Akers: Aye, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance  
04-025

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to rescind the adoption of Grayling City Zoning Ordinance adopted by motion of Grayling City Council on May 29, 2001: Roll Call Vote: McClain: Aye, Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Akers: Aye, Ferrigan: Aye, motion carried.

04-026

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to re-adopt the Grayling City Zoning Ordinance with the inclusion of the sign restrictions found in Ordinance No. 66 heretofore repealed as follows:

Add to Section 5.03, Section 9.3 of prior Ordinance No. 66

Add to Section 5.04, Section 8.9 of prior Ordinance No. 66

Add to Section 5.05, Section 10.3 of prior Ordinance No. 66; and

Add to Section 5.06, Section 11.3(b) of prior Ordinance No. 66

Roll Call Vote: Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Akers: Aye, Ferrigan: Aye, McClain: Aye, motion carried.

Legislative Link - January 20, 2004  
04-027

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to hear input from Councilman Palmer regarding his concerns about the Legislative Link: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IX. Citizens who wish to speak.

Kay Cosgray, a Frederic Township Resident, employed by Michigan Works, expressed a complaint regarding a large retailer, who would employ over 100 people that she had worked to get to come look at the Grayling area and somebody from the City Office failed to return a call, now the company is going to look elsewhere. She is tired of the City not being proactive. She inquired as to whether the

City had a Marketing Plan and what kind of incentives that we offer to entice businesses to locate in Grayling. Somebody needs to enforce ordinances and a marketing plan; she is tired of business going to Gaylord.

-Ms. Cosgray also stated that she thought that the Council should have had a Compensation Committee to look at Michele's wages in a closed session instead of doing it in an open meeting.

-Doug Meroney asked if as the City Manager, Allen thinks that we have a speeding problem in Grayling. He also inquired; how many of our Grayling City Police Officers are current on their required Radar Gun qualifications and if they are not, why not and when will they be qualified. He asked if the City Manager, City Police Officers and the City Council know what the posted speed limit is on James Street, the I-75 Business Loop between the intersection of State Street and Lake Street. He concluded by saying that he does not personally have any issues with any City Police officers, many are friends and he knows that they do a good as a job as they can. He firmly believes that the speeding issue on the Grayling Grand Prix may not be a priority but strongly urged the City Council to do everything in its power to investigate and act on this issue. A strong public education would probably be a good start.

-Dave Stephenson stated that each individual company was responsible for providing the fire department with an audit, indicating what potential dangers that may have.

-Mr. Stephenson also stated that he thought that if between the County and the City that we could get enough signatures for a petition stating that the I-75 Business Loop is a safety issue that maybe MDOT could do something.

-Tom Wellman stated that Ms. Cosgray and Tim, from the Chamber should have worked with the City Manager from the start of their project to get this business to come look at our town.

-Steve Southard stated that the Chamber of Commerce should have contacted the City to give them the "head's up" that someone would be contacting them regarding the possibility of locating their company here.

-Mr. Southard indicated that in response to the speeding issue, that speed is a problem and he sees quite a fair amount of stops by the Police. He also stated that he thinks it's more of a problem with the truck traffic coming through "rippin" it is not only a safety issue but aesthetics. It is a problem with Jake Brakes.

04-028

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to extend the meeting past 9:30 P.M.: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

-Mayor Ferrigan will ask Chief Schreiner to attend a City Council meeting to get questions answered for Citizens.

X. Reports.

ZBA

-February's meeting has been canceled.

Planning Commission

-Approved a site plan for Dynamic Physical Therapy

-Denied the request by Lamar Parks Committee

-Held a meeting on January 18th, elected new officers, discussed their mission, comments on the skate rinks and inquired about benches and a port-a-john.

04-029

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier

to get a second port-a-john out of the Parks Committee's expenses and put in a request to the school for benches: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

DDA

-No meeting held since the last Council meeting.

City Manager

-None.

Council Members

-Akers complimented the DPW on a fine job of the snow removal.

-McClain reported on the Chamber meeting last Wednesday and gave each Council member a copy of the schedule for the Chamber's meetings.

-McClain thanked Allen for getting her the requested information regarding D&K.

-McClain stated that she was tired of hearing herself complain is why she became involved with local government. Crawford County has many issues: cooperation, working together, communication with each other and thinks that we all need to stay positive.

-Ferrigan offered his support for Chad as the DPW Supervisor; he likes that since he has been appointed he has attended every City Council meeting and would like for the City Manager to request that the other Department Heads attend as well. He thinks that it should be mandatory.

-Moshier stated that the posted sign at the ice rink has caused some agitation with some and offered some possible changes. Consensus of the Council was to have this changed the City Manager will take care of this.

-Moshier also stated that there was a past motion that allowed volunteers to be reimbursed for expenses that they incurred.

04-030

-Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that volunteers be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. Moshier withdrew his motion.

-Moshier inquired how to handle the situation that Tom Wellman was approached about receiving a contribution for the work involved with putting the ice rink on.

X. Adjournment

04-031

Moved by Moshier, that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Ferrigan Adjourned the meeting at 9:59 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

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01-26-04

**RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

SPECIAL MEETING HELD

ON THE 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004 GRAYLING,

MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferrigan at 6:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: McClain, Ferrigan, Akers, Palmer, Moshier

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Dave Sabin, City Attorney, Dan Bonamie, Tom Lannie, Deb Hadley, Bruce McGuire, Tom Wellman, Cari Opperman

III. Business

Dave Sabin, City Attorney presented

an over view of Parliamentary Procedures for the City Council and members of other boards and commissions of the City.

IV. Adjournment

04-013

Moved by Moshier, that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Ferrigan Adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M..

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

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01-26-04

**SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting February 9, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, and Hartman. Absent: Mobank and Little. There were 7 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor, Fire Department, DPW, and Zoning.

There were 6 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to approve the proposed pavilion rental forms. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to purchase a security camera system for the park and community center surveillance with a limit of \$1,000. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Riley to pass the proposed Operating protocol of the Ordinance Violation Bureau. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Riley to appoint our secretary, Patricia Seaman, as our Bureau Clerk, by resolution.

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding putting a ballot issue on the August Primary election asking the voters to approve replacing the 3/100th of a mil taken away by the Headlee Amendment. Discuss further at our next meeting.

2. Picnic planning will begin next month at 6:00 PM

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**February 19, 1981**

Ol' man winter struck with a vengeance last Thursday, dumping another eight or more inches of snow on Grayling area and closing local schools and businesses in the community.

An invitation to "Grow with Grayling" and Crawford County will be extended by the Tourism and Convention Committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce to residents in southern Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio during several travel shows this spring. Tourism Chairman Steve Sauter has assembled a group of area business people who have volunteered to man the booth in Detroit and other spring travel show in Indiana and Ohio.

At the Grayling Winter Carnival this weekend, Miss Grayling Winter Sports Queen Connie Keene and court member Kelly Van Nuck donned western hats. Carnival activities head into a second big weekend February 21 - 22, highlighted by the Klondike Canoe Derby on Saturday morning and downhill canoe races at Hanson Park on Saturday afternoon.

The deep fryers will be bubbling Friday, Feb. 20th as the Grayling Rotary Club fisherman once again host the community in the 8th Annual Fish Fry. Captain of the fishing sloop, Randy Thompson said that fish overs are snapping up the advance tickets.

Galley chief Dale Nicholas said

that the fish will be prepared by his experienced crew who have received rave reviews in the past.

Seaman waiters for the fete will include Jim Parkinson, Jerry Morford, Fred Moore, Skip Hanson, Ray Lange, Tom Trenary, Larry Mattis, Paul Thomson, Ted Kortes, Bill Ruddy, Jack Hull and Bill Hart.

After several attempts in the last ten years to form a United Way chapter in Crawford County, one has been formed. At the first meeting on February 5th Cherly Hall was elected United Way President and Ronnie Dawson, Vice-president. June Savoie will serve as Secretary and Duane Swift, Treasurer. Meeting again on February 10, the board adopted an official set of by-laws and constitution, and elected to incorporate the organization. Other UW board members include Cynthia Sparks, Bill Ruddy, Ann Kurzer, Joe Schrader, Luke Petrosky, Ralph Stevens and Sherry Hanson.

**46 Years Ago**  
**February 20, 1958**

The State Conservation Commission approved purchase of 3725 acres of land for public hunting use at February 6 - 7 meeting in Lansing.

The income for the Winter Carnival this year was \$2,362.00. After the expenses, the net profit was \$441.02.

Henry Bradley, for twenty-seven years an employee of the Grayling State Fish Hatchery,

retired January 18, 1958. He is the first state employee to retire from Grayling. A farewell dinner was held at The Hanson Cafe for Mr. Bradley and in attendance was the Fish Hatchery crew.

The Grayling Vikings are to travel to Harbor Springs on Friday night. Harbor Springs is currently in second place in the Class C Conference.

**69 Years Ago**  
**February 21, 1935**

A dozen years ago an old gray horse hitched to an open cutter would have been a common sight but William Garbutt, a farmer residing two miles west of Frederic, came into Grayling Wednesday with such an outfit and it was a real curiosity, and darned if it didn't remind us of cutter rides we enjoyed in the old horse and cutter days.

Sheriff Frank Bennett and George Bielski promised Dad Hanson that they would bring him some big fish from Higgins Lake one day last week but the first thing that Frank did when he got there was to fall in. That ended the fishing and Dad didn't get his fish. They were after another big one like "Slips" got, they said.

Harold Edwards is for the present the undisputed holder of the title of "Most Envied Fisherman." Edward brought in the largest pike to be seen in Grayling in some time Sunday afternoon. The mammoth fish was on display all evening in Blackie's Poolroom and about town. The Great Northern weighted 24 1/4 lbs. and measured exactly 48 inches from

tip to tip. It took Edwards and another fisherman whom he called in to help very close to half an hour of tense fighting before the monarch of the deep was finally subdued and landed.

**92 Years Ago**  
**February 22, 1912**

There was a nice attendance at the Junior Hop Tuesday night. The ball room was prettily decorated, the class color scheme, red and gold, being the color.

The masquerade roller skating party was held last Saturday night. Clarence Johnson won the prize for most comical makeup and Miss Elsie Larson the prize for being the best dressed lady. It was a merry time.

The Busy Bee Club was entertained last Saturday afternoon by Miss Grace Bauman. The little folks reported a very happy time at games.

Benjamin Laurent made largest score at Dawson's Bowling Alley. Benjamin's score was 191.

Mrs. Benjamin Jerome of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Bates, and assisting in the post office during her father's illness.

Last Saturday night, a adjourned meeting of members and stockholders of Grayling Social Club was held at the club rooms. T.W. Hanson was reelected president; Charles Tromble, vice president; Fred Michelson, Secretary; Robert Reagan, Treasurer; H.A. Bauman to succeed Geo. L. Alexander and Marius Hanson to succeed himself were elected directors.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

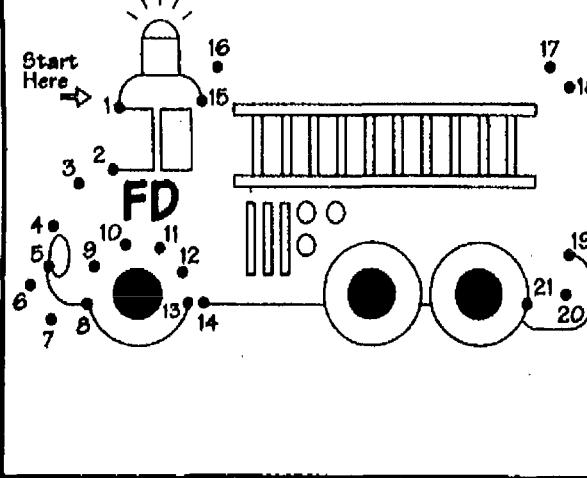


### Pecan Pumpkin Pie

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| 1                       | unbaked pie shell                   |
| 3                       | eggs                                |
| 1                       | cup packed light brown sugar        |
| 1/2                     | cup canned pumpkin                  |
| 1/2                     | cup corn syrup                      |
| 2                       | tablespoons unsalted butter, melted |
| 1                       | teaspoon vanilla extract            |
| 1 1/3                   | cups coarsely chopped pecans        |
| Sweetened whipped cream |                                     |
| 12                      | pecan halves for topping            |

Preheat oven to 425°F. Place pie shell in a 9-inch pie pan and trim and crimp the edges of the dough. Line crust with foil and place pie weights or dry beans over surface of crust to weight it down during baking. Bake crust for 8 minutes. Remove crust from oven, remove weights and foil from crust and reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Beat eggs, sugar and pumpkin in a medium bowl until creamy. Beat in corn syrup, butter and vanilla until smooth. Stir in chopped pecans until distributed throughout mixture. Pour pumpkin mixture into baked crust. Cover edges of pie crust with foil and bake for 50 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 10 more minutes, or until a knife inserted off center comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool to room temperature.

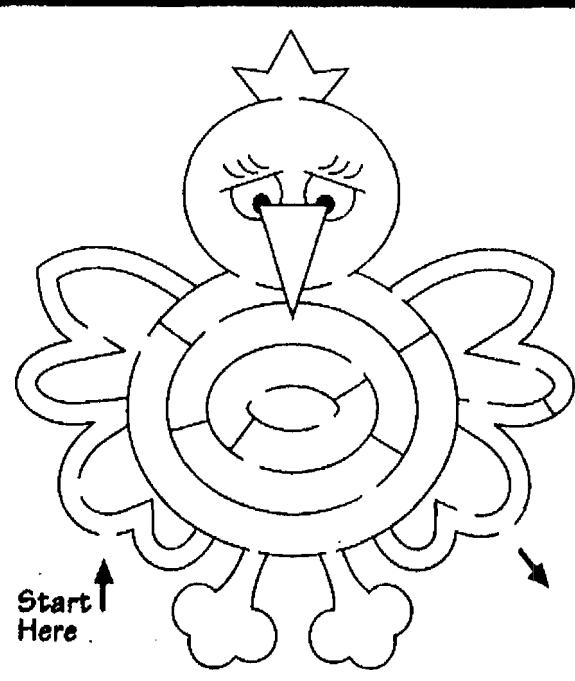
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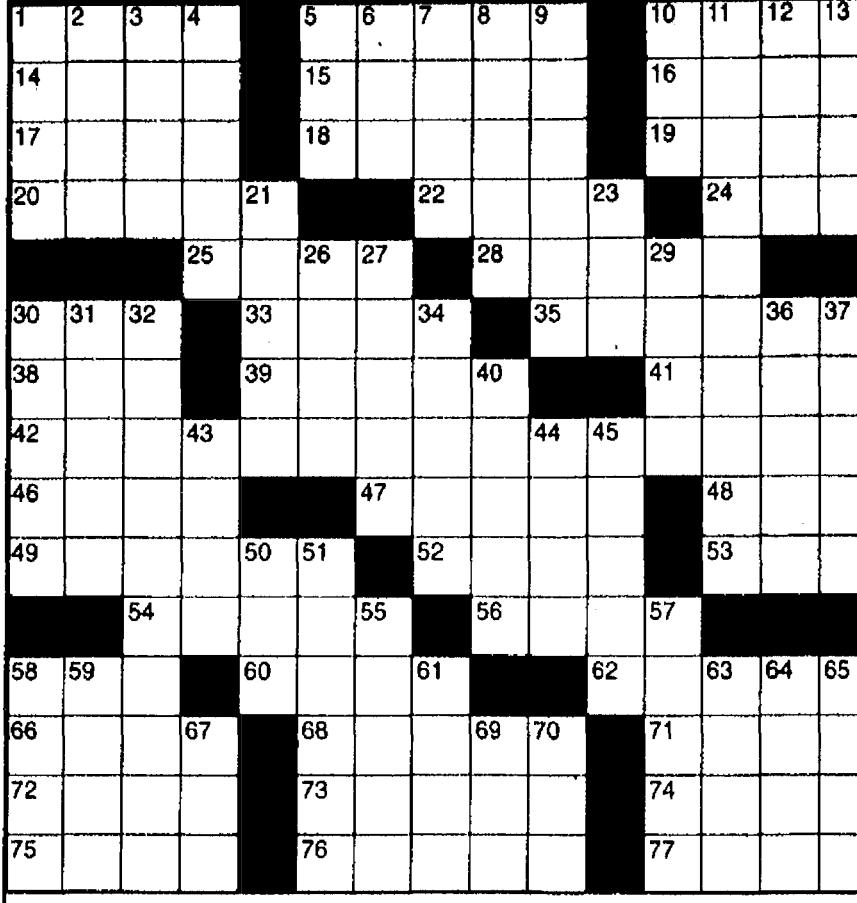
### DID YOU KNOW

No square piece of dry paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

### MAZE



# CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Move slowly
- Relish
- October gemstone
- "Whatever \_\_\_\_\_ Wants"
- Holmes's street
- Museo offering
- Make hermetic
- Golfer concern
- Disintegrates
- Mayflower Compact signer
- Geiz of jazz
- More, to Duran
- Row of stitches
- Interrupt a silent night
- Fond treatment: abbr.
- Mucho
- They're still Rolling
- Pleased cry
- Worked at diligently
- Seafarer
- Picnic's entertainment
- Creator of Perry and Della
- Pentateuch scroll
- Carinae (seventh-magnitude star)
- Merchant
- Antimissile missile
- Dead \_\_\_\_ against Logan and Raines
- It's \_\_\_ for Me to Say
- Ever Need Is You" (2 wds.)
- Clammy Revolutionary Luxemburg
- Lugs
- "M" actor
- Throw down the gauntlet
- Wyoming peak
- Monaco habitues, perhaps
- Summer ermine
- Golden Notebook author Lessing
- Singer Carter
- Womanizer
- Butler at Tara
- Yale Bow regular
- I'd \_\_\_ be in Philadelphia" (W.C. Fields)
- 20 years
- Caste member, often
- Place for ballast
- Otiose
- Race loser in a fable
- as a church mouse
- A Little too tight
- Ancient times
- Supportive voice vote
- Hoodlum's "heater"
- Wipe

### DOWN

- She asked Sam to play it again
- Holiday song
- Out of one's birthday suit
- Drags
- Shavian monogram
- Detroit labor gp.
- Slender runners
- Shelters for sleeping bags
- Keyboard instruments
- Rowing device
- Square-dance marches
- way to go!
- Not as much
- Certain tides
- 20 years
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### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### Adopt a Pet



Yahoo is a 3 year old German Shepherd mix. He is a neutered male, very friendly, gets along well with other dogs. He has been heartworm tested, has all of his vaccinations, and is housebroken. LAST WEEK FOR CAT SPAYS AND NEUTERS! Call 348-4117 for more information.

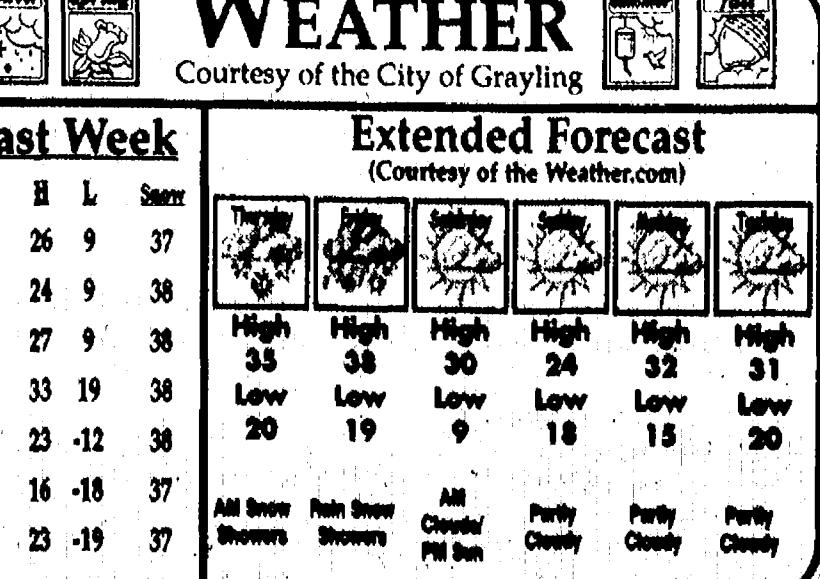
For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117



### Horoscopes

For the Week of February 19, 2004

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| An elderly acquaintance is developing an unhealthy obsession. Step in and take action, and make sure you tell their family what is going on. | Your finances are starting to get out of hand. Step back, take a look at your budget and determine where you can cut costs.                   | You make a proposal at work that is well received. Go out and celebrate. Then sit down, set priorities and get busy.                   | Your generosity is unmatched, but it's time to be selfish. Tell your family you're on vacation and do something for yourself for a change.    | You need to get away, but you can afford a real vacation. Why not take one? Turn off the telephone, unplug the TV and enjoy yourself. | Practicality takes back seat, and you're off on a wild, go-adventure. Kick back and relax, and have lots of fun.     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 22 - February 19                                                                                                                    | March 21 - April 19                                                                                                                           | June 22 - July 22                                                                                                                      | September 23 - October 22                                                                                                                     | October 23 - November 21                                                                                                              | November 22 - December 21                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| You don't like interfering in people's lives, but you may have to do so to help a young friend who is headed for trouble. Be strong.         | A relative receives a boost. Share in their excitement. A home improvement project hits a snag. Be patient and all will turn out well.        | Your growing suspicions regarding a situation at home are finally confirmed. Think about the matter carefully before making any moves. | You get caught in the middle of a squabble at work. Try to ease out of it without taking sides. A friend has something important to tell you. | An acquaintance is facing hardship. Find out what you can do to help. Your boss asks you to take over an assignment.                  | Practicality takes back seat, and you're off on a wild, go-adventure. Kick back and relax, and have lots of fun.     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February 20 - February 18                                                                                                                    | April 20 - May 20                                                                                                                             | July 23 - August 22                                                                                                                    | August 23 - September 22                                                                                                                      | October 23 - November 21                                                                                                              | November 22 - December 21                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Your eloquence does not go unnoticed at a business meeting. You are rewarded in ways you never thought possible.                             | You get caught in the middle of a squabble at work. Try to ease out of it without taking sides. A friend has something important to tell you. | An acquaintance is facing hardship. Find out what you can do to help. Your boss asks you to take over an assignment.                   | An acquaintance is facing hardship. Find out what you can do to help. Your boss asks you to take over an assignment.                          | An acquaintance is facing hardship. Find out what you can do to help. Your boss asks you to take over an assignment.                  | An acquaintance is facing hardship. Find out what you can do to help. Your boss asks you to take over an assignment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**1. Real Estate**

**3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/f1)**

**1. Real Estate****1. Real Estate**

**BUILD YOUR DREAMS** within one mile of city limits, 1.1 acre parcels, \$750 down, \$125.86 month payment, call 348-1482. (-12-19-4-11/1)

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**HOUSE FOR SALE** Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/f1)

**1. Real Estate****1. Real Estate**

**NEW THREE BEDROOM** two car attached, five miles east of town. \$87,000 (989) 348-4840 (-12-19-26-4/1)

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN** Properties [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99/f1)

**1. Real Estate**

**FIVE BEDROOM** Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$126,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04/f1)

**1. Real Estate****1. Real Estate**

**QUALITY BUILT THREE** bedroom, two bath home with attached, heated, two car garage. Amenities include oak flooring, wiring for surround sound, heated tile floors in bathrooms, deck, and storage shed. Located at 3151 Jones Lake Rd, in AuSable Woods - includes use of club house and pool. \$119,000. 348-3587. Owners motivated to sell. (-12-19-26/1)

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** WORKSHOP starting March 3, 2004 and running each Wednesday for seven weeks at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling. Choose from morning or evening classes. The classes are free and include a credit report review along with budgeting topics. Call Alice at 866-637-1834 toll free to reserve your space. (-12-19-26/1)

**2. For Rent**

**LARGE TWO BEDROOM** lower apartment, laundry facilities, private parking and storage, non-smoking, no pets. References and deposit. \$375 a month. (989) 348-6552. (-12-19/2)

**ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT** on AuSable in town. \$365-380 per month. References. (231) 599-2895 (7/31/03/f2)

**HOUSE, CABINS AND MOBILE** home at Lost Acres. Large three to four bedroom log home with new flooring and paint. Garage not included \$595, plus \$600 security and all utilities. One bedroom cabins for rent from \$275 - \$375, including all utilities, plus \$200 security. Two bedroom mobile home, older, clean, only \$375, plus \$400 security and utilities. Units are located on 30 wooded acres, from 11004 - 11010 North Old U.S. 27, three miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (1/29/04/f2)

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**NICE ROOM FOR RENT** country setting, six miles from Grayling, no pets, no deposit. (989) 348-7506. (-19-26/2)

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New to market! Grand Traverse County retreat property. Large wooded parcels border the Pere Marquette State Forest. Ride miles of trails from your backdoor. A true Up North Getaway. Lakefront and off-shore lots. Starting at only \$39,900 Call now McKeough Land Company, Inc. 1-800-290-5263

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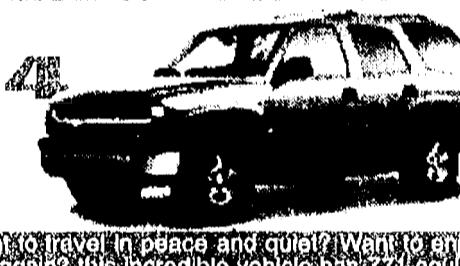
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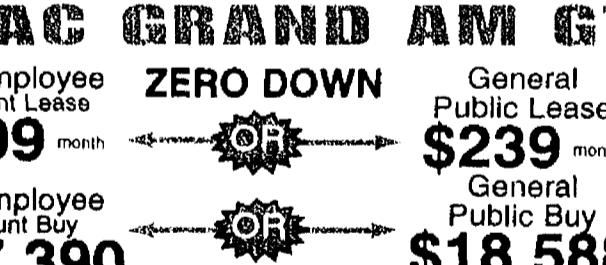
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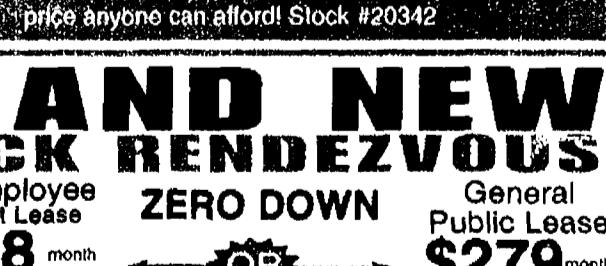
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